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GRABBING AGAIN CHINA'S CHRONIC MALADY THIS WEEK'S TURMOIL

How An Agreed Division of Spoils Works
IS A COUNTRY-WIDE CLASH IMPENDING?

[By "Li Chung-yin"]

Even at the close of a week of turmoil in various parts of China, a degree of satisfaction can be derived by careful analysis: an apology—if such were due—for disappointing the world after having had a "good Press" for some months devolves, if on anybody, on the National Government functioning in Nanking. But of the five major factions in China at the moment, that with the biggest representation in Nanking and which is whole-heartedly supporting centralisation has not been directly embroiled.

Feng Yu-hsiang, the "Christian General," it seems, is one of the figures around whom developments have centred. Although he is Minister for War and has much power in Nanking, he has not dragged the National Government into the arena.

Once again it is the disheartening recurrence of that chronic malady—the grabbing of revenue—which is behind the series of unsettling incidents of the week.

BACK AT THE OLD GAME

Two views can be taken in a discussion such as this kind. The first, which finds favour among the majority of foreign observers, is that the Nationalists must begin fighting each other all over again. That is the line of least resistance will be taken, principally in the interest of the individual, and partly because public opinion to-day does count for a little—but sufficiently to restrain wholesale civil war as a personal or factional enterprise.

The "Christian General" returned from Russia in October, 1926. Ever since then it was predicted that he would launch a campaign of aggression to make himself Dictator or even Emperor. He has been

four other political factions, including that which dominates Manchuria, to the . . . China presents a unit front. From this fact, in itself vitally important, we may safely conclude that some sort of agreement has been reached in advance for a division of the spoils between the war-lords and high officials concerned.

Balance of Power

General Yen Hsi-shan, who rules Shensi and is commander-in-chief of the 3rd Nationalist Army Group, obviously does not wish to see the "Christian General's" domains extended because that would upset the balance of power in the North. Having followed, however, a policy of masterly inactivity since the Revolution in 1911, Yen Hsi-shan is

AGAIN TO FLY THE ATLANTIC EAST TO WEST FITZMAURICE AND KOEHL TO ATTEMPT IN JUNE

REFUELING IN THE AIR

Berlin, Yesterday.

Colonel Fitzmaurice and Captain Kochl, the first airmen successfully to fly the Atlantic from east to west in the company of the late Baron von Huenefeld, will introduce novel features when they again attempt the feat in June.

The machine, a Junkers three-engined aeroplane, will be fitted with floats for rising and alighting in the water instead of wheels and a start will be made on a large lake near Berlin. Very little petrol will be taken aboard, thereby overcoming the difficulties of rising, but the airmen will refuel while aloft over Berlin as was done on the "Question Mark."

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PANAMA MARU Thursday, 28th February.

CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

+ GANGES MARU Monday, 4th March.

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VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Japan Ports From

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MELBOURNE—Via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.

+ MADRAS MARU (Omits Manila) Friday, 8th March.

BANGKOK—Via Saigon.

HAIPHONG—Via Hanoi & Pahol.

+ MENADO MARU Thursday, 28th February 10 a.m.

NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.

HARVEY MARU Monday, 4th March.

JAPAN PORTS.

+ HOKKAIDO MARU Monday, 25th February.

KEELUNG—Via SWATOW & AMOY Sunday, 24th February Noon.

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SHIPPING SECTION.

EASTERN PORTS

DETAILS OF WEEKLY HEALTH BULLETIN

The health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ended February 16, is issued by the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, given the following cases, the figures in parentheses indicating deaths:

Plague: Bassin (2), Bombay (1), Rangoon (1), Colombo 2 (2), Phnom Penh 2 (1); 1 infected rat found in Rangoon in zone 3; 2 infected rats found in Colombo in zone 3.

Cholera: Bassin (2), Calcutta (30), Madras (1), Negapatam (1), Tuti Corin (2), Bangkok 17 (12), Phnom Penh (1).

Small-pox: Basrah 4 (3), Bombay (1), Calcutta 13 (8), Cochinchina 10, Karachi 23 (7), Madras 60 (13), Moulmein 4, Negapatam 2 (2), Rangoon 4 (1), Vizagapatam 12 (2), Singapore (2), Belawan Deli 4 (3), Palembang 1, Phnom Penh 19 (10), Shanghai (9), Canton 17 (3), Macao (24).

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ADDED AMENITIES FOR OLD SHIPS

The Chamber of Shipping Index number for November shows an increase over the 1913 level of 24.7 per cent, compared with 18.54 per cent, in October and with 18.59 per cent, in November, 1927. The improvement was fairly evenly distributed among all the principal trade routes and the time charter rates showed an increase, compared with October, of over 12 per cent.

The dock traffic returns of the Great Western Railway Company for the South Wales ports, covering the four weeks ended November 29, show that imports totalled only 304,600 tons, compared with 461,976 tons in the preceding four weeks.

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POSITION IN MAIL WEEK

Although, on the whole, the improvement in the shipping position at Home was well maintained during December, there was a slight decrease in the rates at which steamer were chartered for outward coal cargoes from the British Channel ports. These decreases, however, were due entirely to a temporary surplus supply of prompt tonnage. The following statement compares the average rates to representative ports in December with those in November:

November. December. November. December.

Cardiff to 5.0 5.5 5.5 5.5

Bordeaux 0.9 0.9 0.9 0.9

Genoa 4.5 4.5 4.5 4.5

Rouen 14.0 13.0 13.0 13.0

Buenos Aires 12.0 12.0 12.0 12.0

Marseille 10.4 10.4 10.4 10.4

Port Said 12.1 12.0 12.0 12.0

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Malwa	10,980	30th Mar.	Marseilles & London
Mirzapore	6,715	1st Apr.	Struts, Colombo & Bombay
Naldera	10,088	13th Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles & London

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Takada	6,949	27th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
Talamba	3,013	27th Mar.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
Talma	10,000	18th Mar.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
Santhia	7,754	11th Apr.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
Tilawa	10,000	20th Apr.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta

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Tanda	6,956	1st Mar.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island
St. Albans	4,500	30th Mar.	Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney
Ararfura	6,000	3rd May	
Tanda	6,956	1st May	Melbourne

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Mirzapore	6,715	25th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
Malwa	10,986	1st Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
Nagpore	5,283	4th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
St. Albans	4,600	5th Mar.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
Khyber	9,114	6th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
Gambada	5,307	9th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
Santhia	7,754	15th Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Yohama & Osaka
Naldera	10,088	15th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
Tilawa	9,123	22nd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
Lahore	6,525	25th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
Tilawa	10,000	25th Mar.	Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
Mantua	6,000	9th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
Ararfura	10,946	29th Mar.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
Jeypore	5,318	11th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama

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by anyone with any inside knowledge of the racing game. With purely amateur owners—if the term can be understood as distinct from those owners elsewhere who make a decent living out of owning race horses—and with purely amateur riders, why should it be necessary for owners to ride under names other than their own out here? Surely the “kudos” when they win must be all the sweeter when their rider brings in a pony that figures in the race programme under the owner's real name. This is one of those little mysteries of the Colony that a newcomer can never understand—even when, with the flight of years, he enters into the ranks of the “old hands.”

There seems to be a slight lapse on the part of those in charge of buses, trams, and ferries in regard to enforcing the “regulation” against spitting—that disgusting and unhygienic habit that must do more than many other things to contribute to the spread of disease. Only a couple of days ago the writer, wearing all-rubber soles and heels, came a nasty cropper on a huge “spit” on the pavement outside the Asiatic Building and nearly used “language,” nearly sprained his wrist, nearly sprained his ankle, nearly went to hospital, and nearly “passed the Monument at five o'clock.” In the moment of discomfiture of “picking himself up” during the rush hour the victim considered that nothing sort of the stocks would have been good enough for the culprit who had expectorated so freely on the pavement at such a busy corner! And travelling in the Ferry the other day, a well-to-do Chinese made a terrible mess of the floor in front of him, only stopping when he overheard the other passengers threatening to report him when the Ferry reached the Hong Kong side. Mere notices in public vehicles and Ferries are not sufficient in themselves to stop the spitting habit, and it is time that an example were made of some of the more objectionable delinquents. It only requires firmness on the part of conductors of buses and trams and Ferry officials to lessen such an obnoxious practice.

Dreams are they? But ye cannot stay them. Or thrust the dawn back for one hour! Truth, love and justice, if ye slay them. Return with more than earthly power.

Strive, if ye will, to seal the fountain!

That send the Spring through leaf and spray;

Drive back the sun from the Eastern mountains.

Then—bid this mightier movement stay.

—Alfred Noyes.

Mr. R. Vaughan-Fowler, of the Far East Aviation Co., delivered a lecture at the University yesterday on “Twenty-five Years of Flying,” illustrated by slides. He referred to the locally projected Seaplane Flying Club and gave an assurance that Chinese members would be very welcome. Professor C. A. Middleton Smith, Talkoo Professor of Engineering, who presided, moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Vaughan-Fowler.

The Banvard Musical Comedy Company will give two performances to-day and to-morrow in the Star Theatre at 5 and 9.15 p.m. To-day's matinées will be “Tip Toes” and “Clowns in Clover” will be given at 9.15. To-morrow “Folies Bergères” will hold the bill at 5 and “Review of Revues” at 9.15 p.m.

and it certainly should be done on Sunday mornings, looking to the large number of attractions on both sides of the harbour on Saturday evenings. If the Yau-mati Ferry Company can run ferries up to 2.40 on Sunday mornings, what is to hinder the Star Ferry Company and the Tram Companies doing likewise? Surely the Colony has long since got past the “curfew” age when “elders’ hours” were the rule and all good little boys and girls had to be in bed by a certain hour! The travelling public, of course, has got itself to blame to certain extent. It has not sufficient “kick” to protest against hotels and restaurants being obliged to close down on the stroke of midnight and it has still less “kick” to raise its voice against such early hours being forced on by the various public “utility” companies.

Many residents must return from a trip to Canton by the steamer getting in here in the early afternoon. The writer took the trip recently, arriving here on a Saturday afternoon about two o'clock. Scarcely had the steamer come alongside the wharf than pandemonium broke loose amongst the hundreds of coolies with baskets who scrambled pell-mell into the holds for fish. Donnybrook Fair was not in it by a long chalk. There was one mad scramble to get on board first, as if the coolies feared that the steamer might suddenly get up anchor and steam out of harbour again with all the fish still on board. Knocks were given and taken; coolies frantically elbowed each other out of their way; free fights were frequent; and the only surprising thing was that nobody got knocked into the water or that some of the furious blows exchanged did not prove fatal. As the Directors of the Steamboat Company are boasting (wide report of the annual meeting this week) of effecting office economies, let them disburse a few dollars on preventing and not inviting murder whenever one of their steamers comes in with a cargo of fish. Our Judges cannot for ever be conducting Criminal Sessions with murders and attempted murders as features of the calendars.

A friend has passed Cinemas on to the writer a copy of a handbill of the “Victoria Theatre, the Palace Hall of Entertainment,” which once flourished (or otherwise) in the Colony. The handbill refers to a matinee at 6 p.m. on Sunday, October 4, 1914, and the programme comprised two parts:

Part I
1.—Gaumont Graphic, No. 46.
2.—Black Panther, Part I.
3.—Black Panther, Part II.
4.—Black Panther, Part III.

Part II
1.—Eccentric Dance.
2.—A Tight Fit—Comic.

The Victoria Theatre was situated opposite the Central Market in what is now called David House. Little did the cinema folks of those days dream that in this year of grace 1929 the Colony would boast of the Queen's Theatre, the World Theatre, the Grand Theatre, and several others in Hong Kong, besides the Star Theatre, the Majestic Theatre, the Po Hing Theatre, and a few more on the Kowloon side. Even Shamshui-poo has now two Chinese owned cinemas all to itself, although the bulk of the population there—unlike those in Yaumati—are generally in bed by ten o'clock at night.

Shanghai, Yesterday. Communist forces in Kiangsi province have captured the important Taiyu Pass leading to Kwangtung province, in the South.—Reuters.

for membership is only \$12 a year—\$1 a month.

This small sum is a form of insurance, for it enables the busy person who has no time to investigate cases to learn immediately whether the piteous tale is true. It is very difficult to steel one's heart completely against a story of misfortune—but it is easy to send the applicant to have it sifted by the Benevolent Society in connection with the General Charities Organisation. There is nothing so unsatisfactory as sporadic, unbalanced charity—a gift of five dollars to the unfortunate beggar is only an encouragement to him to prey upon more soft-hearted people—a gift of five dollars to a deserving case is a mere sop to ease one's conscience. So the Committee lays its plea, for more members before the generous community of Hong Kong and hopes for a large increase of membership in 1929.

In addition, may a plea be made for the annual report? Do not sign it to the waste paper basket unread. There is undoubtedly something antagonising in a report—its shape alone is as a rule against it. But consider reading of the compact report issued by the Benevolent Society cannot but convince the reader that here is work deserving of support—work that protects the community at large and benefits those who have fallen on evil days.

Yours, etc.,
BELLA SOUTHERN.

Hong Kong, Feb. 22.

As the unsettled state of affairs prevailing in the Colony is likely to bring increased calls upon the funds of the Society during the coming year, the Committee earnestly solicits contributions which will be gratefully acknowledged by the Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Shellshair, University.

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“ON APPROVAL”

A THIRD CLEVER PERFORMANCE
THE GOVERNOR PRESENT

His Excellency the Governor and a distinguished company were present last evening at the Theatre Royal when the small but extremely clever cast of the A.D.C. gave another excellent performance of “Lonsdale's ‘On Approval.’” If one had any doubt of the capabilities of so small a cast sustaining one's interest—it was removed by the very excellent manner in which each member of the company portrayed their respective parts, feature of the performance being the very clear enunciation of all four members, none of the witty dialogue being lost in any part of the Theatre.

The clever quartette were recalled several times at the fall of the curtain; and the production is a tribute to the versatility of Hong Kong's A.D.C.

The general stage effects are excellent, and Hong Kong is being fortunate in having an opportunity of seeing a modern play worthily presented.

The dressing and staging of the production are two of its most striking features. The frocks were specially designed by Madame Roland Sarrault, the well-known Parisian couturiere of Asiatic Building, under the personal supervision of the indefatigable producer, Mrs. F. G. Hunt, and are perfectly delightful.

The entire furnishing of the stage was kindly undertaken by Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., under the direction of Mr. H. E. Scriver, again under the watchful eye of the producer with her many years' stage experience.

HOWLERS!

THE LATEST CROP

Sir Walter Scott was called the “Blizzard of the North.” He tried to reach the North Pole but perished in the attempt.

Parliament assembled in October and disbanded in December.

The man in the moon is all nonsense. People cannot live in the moon because it gets smaller and smaller and so they would all get squashed.

M.A. is what a B.A. becomes when she gets married.

Shakespeare was indebted to Sir Oliver Lodge for the plot of “As You Like It.”

Alves atta petunt means “The birds are getting high.”

The imperfect tense in French is used to express a future action in past time which does not take place at all.

A circle is a line which meets its other end continuously.

A circle is a round line with neither beginning nor end shaped like a hole.

An ellipse is an oval or squash-shaped circle.

A net is just a number of square holes tied together.

Il etait homme de esprit means “He was a publican.”

Juvenis means “Ladd”; junior means “Laddier.”

A blizzard is the inside of a duck.

An incubus is a machine for hatching chickens.

Cave canem means “Beware lest I sing.”

Hop Scotch was invented in Scotland and is so called because it wears out only one boot at a time.

Scot free means the other man buys the drink.

An unclean spirit is a dirty devil.

Cedilla is what a Spanish wears round her neck.

An abstract noun is the name of something you cannot touch; for instance a red-hot poker.

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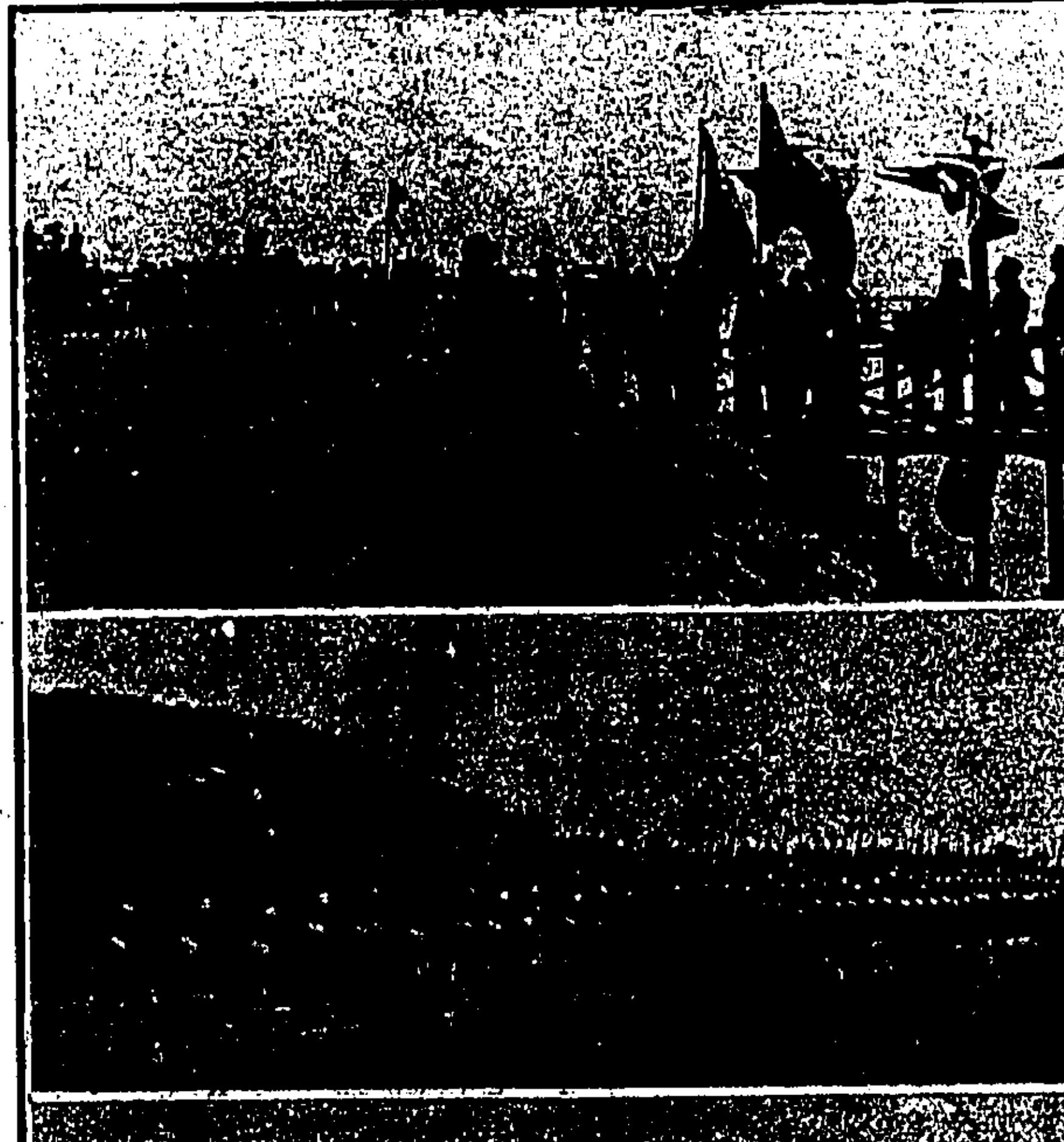
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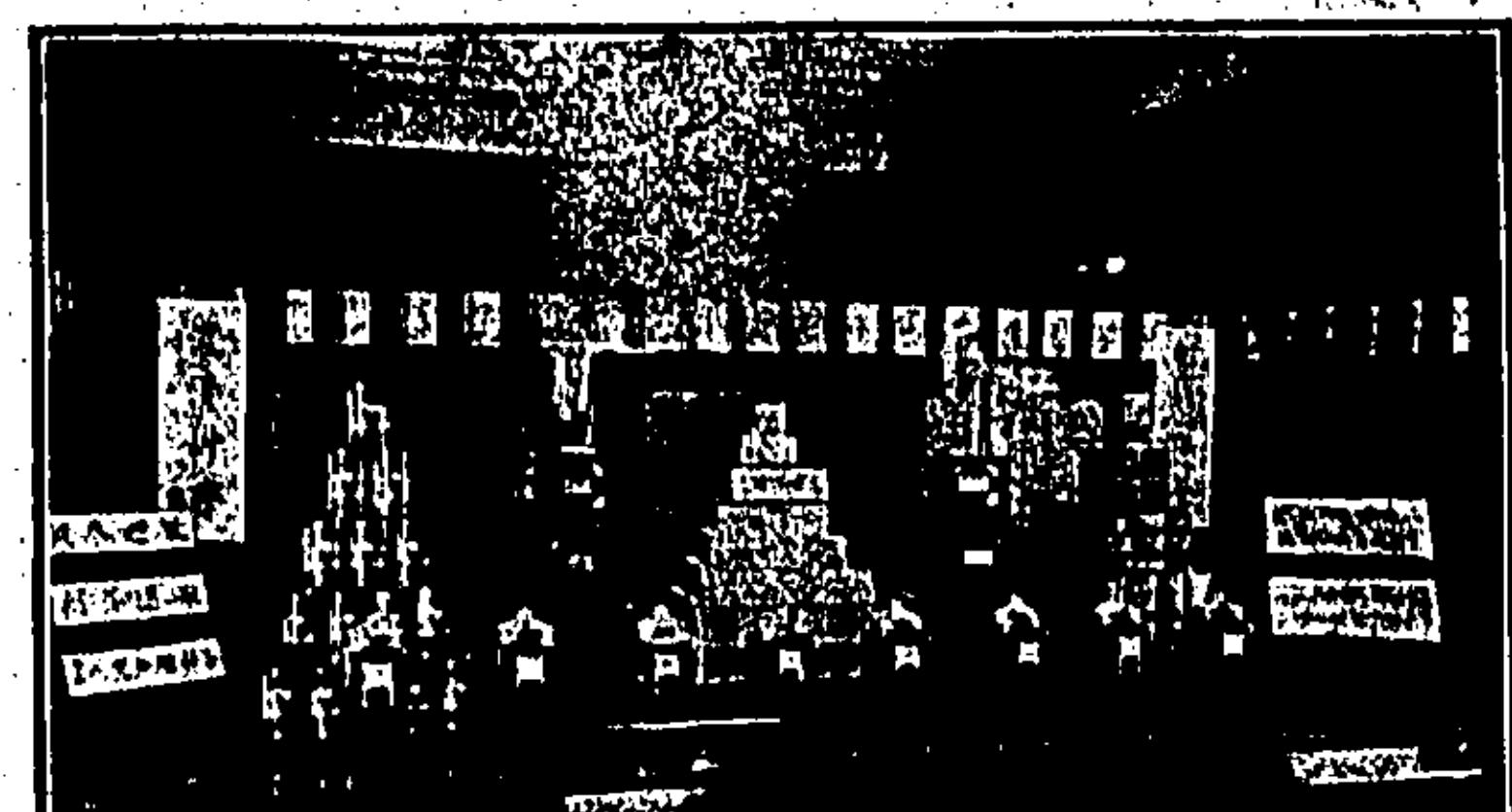
HONG KONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY'S PRODUCTION.—"On Approval," by Frederick Lonsdale, which had a run of over a year in London, and is being staged at the Theatre Royal during the current season. Here is one of the scenes but the photo is of those taking part and not of an incident in the play.—Left to right: Richard Halton (B. L. Seton-Winton), Maria Wislack (Eva Davidson), Mrs. F. G. Hunt (the producer), Helen Hayle (Lucy Greensmith), the Duke of Bristol (M. M. Maas).



ACE OF SPADES.—The champion, owned and ridden by Lt. J. G. Shillington, of the 2nd Batt. the King's Own Scottish Borderers, being led in past the public enclosure at Kwanti, at the Fanling Hunt's steeplechase meeting last Sunday.—(K. Fujiyama).



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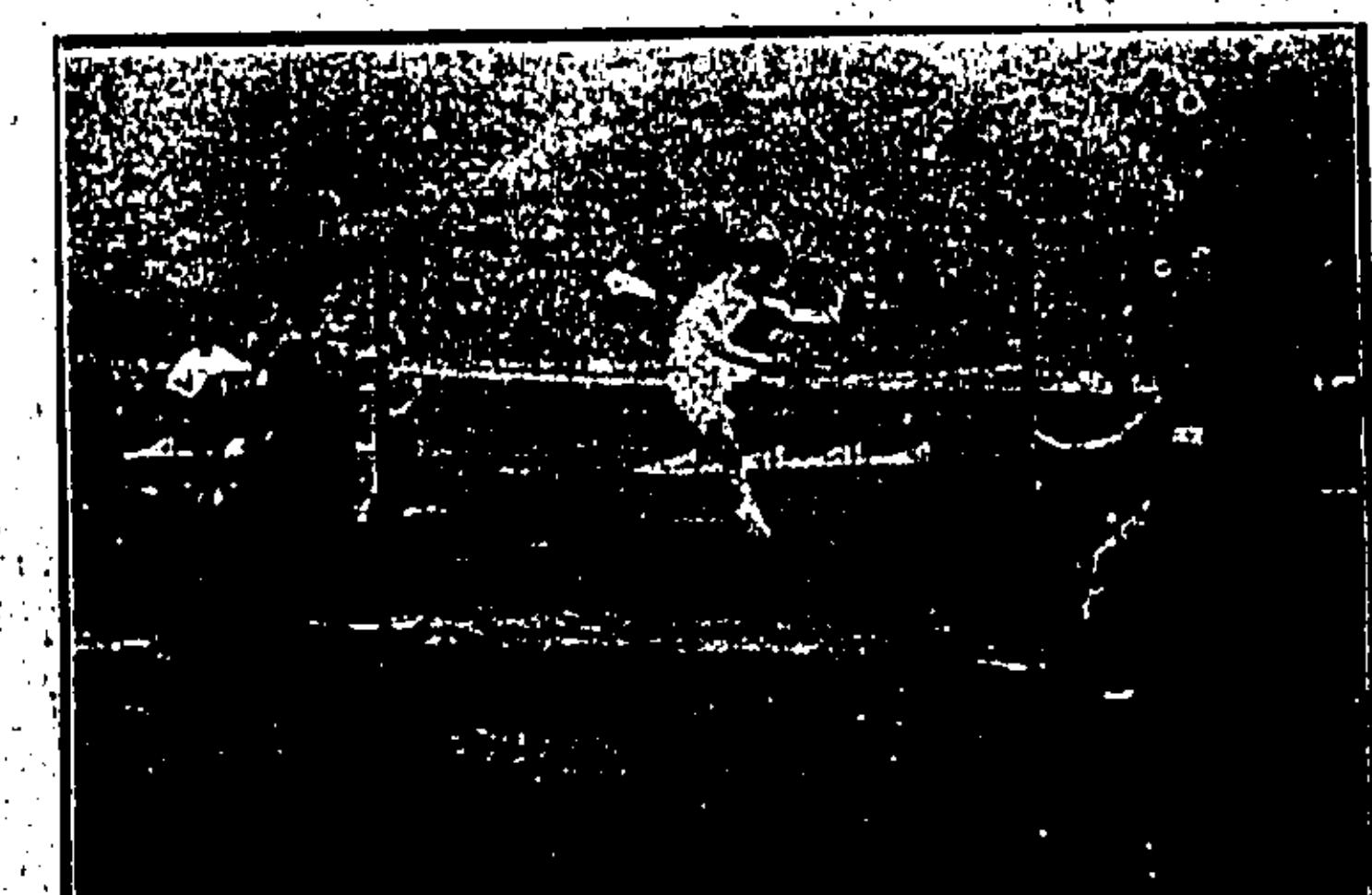


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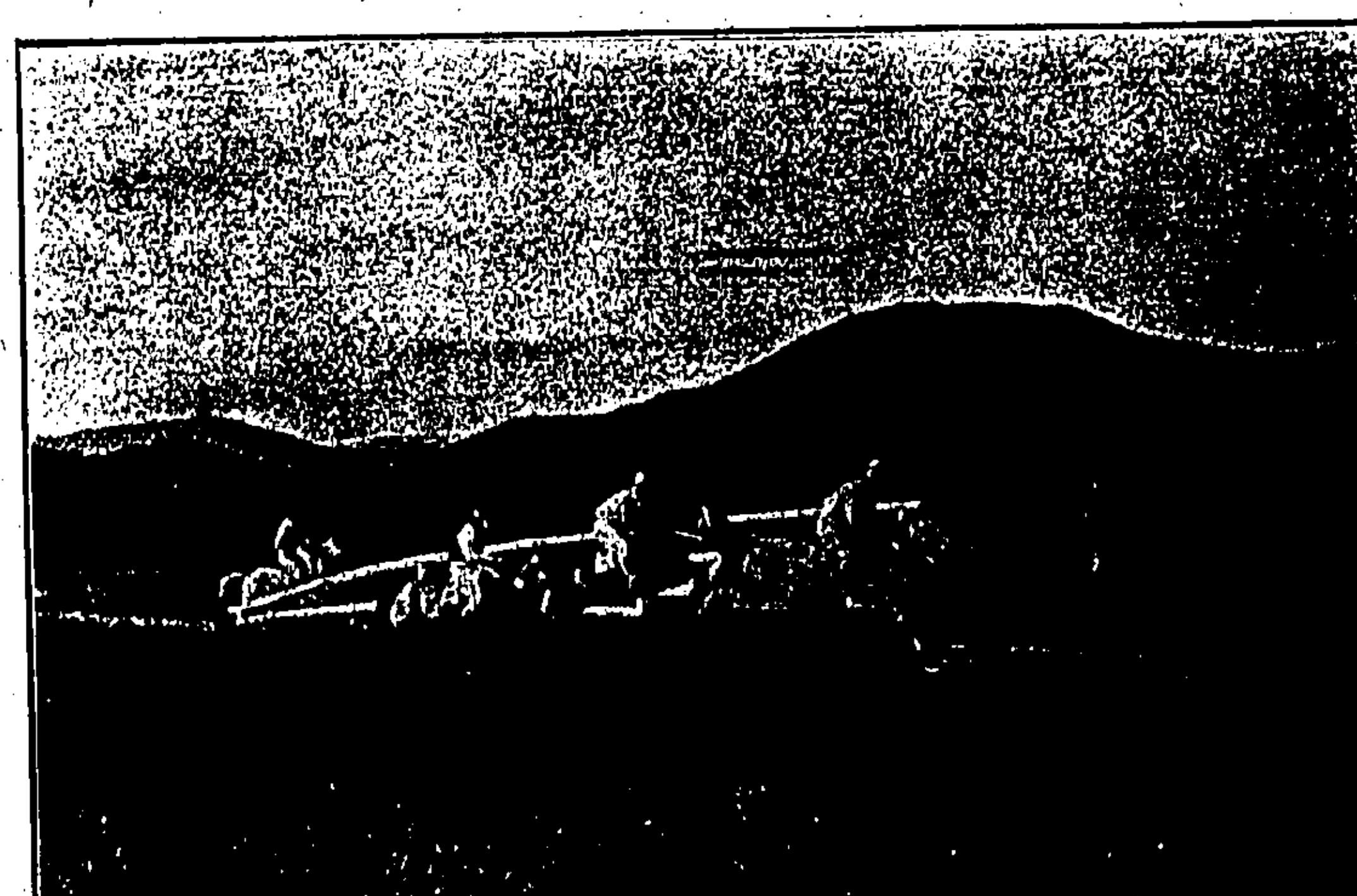
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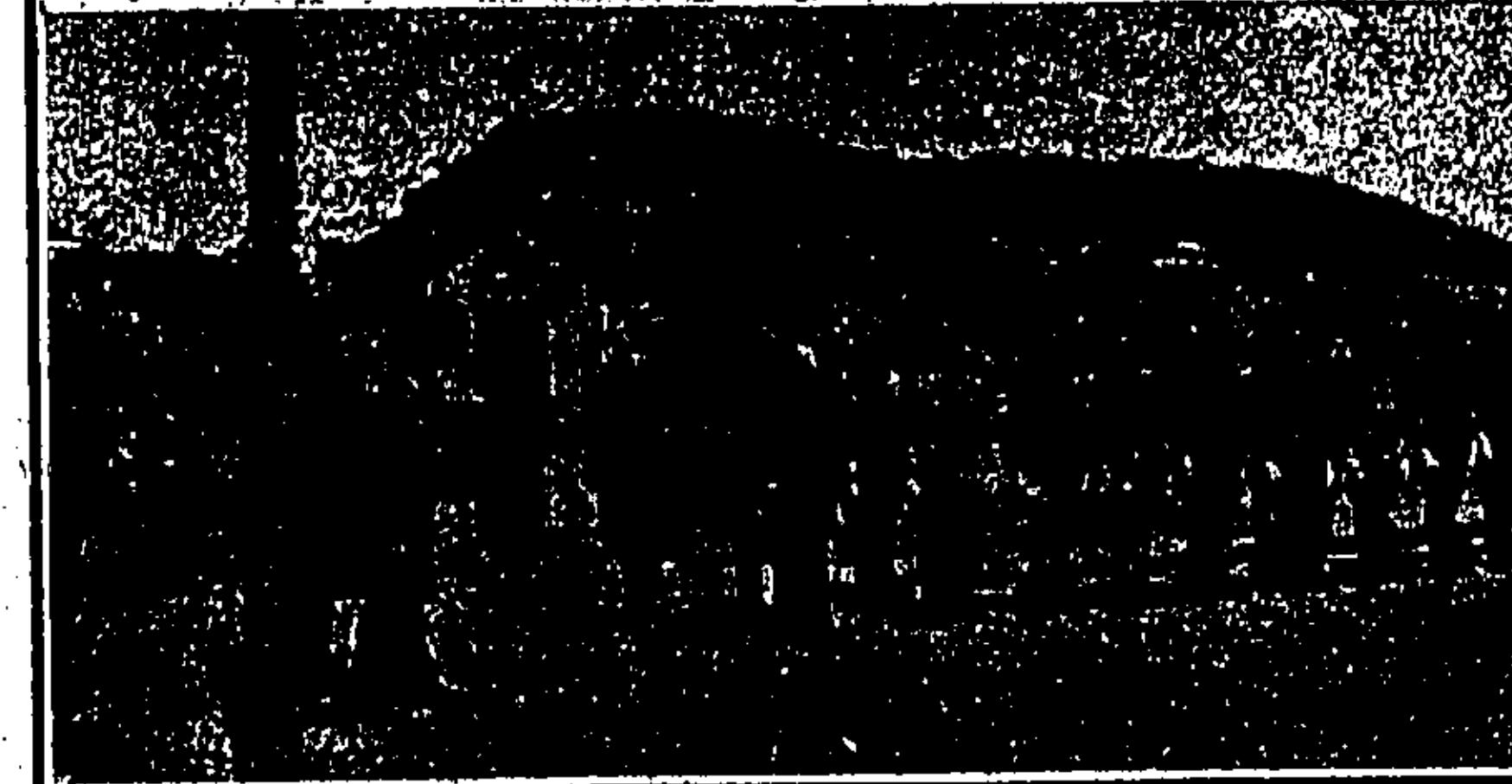
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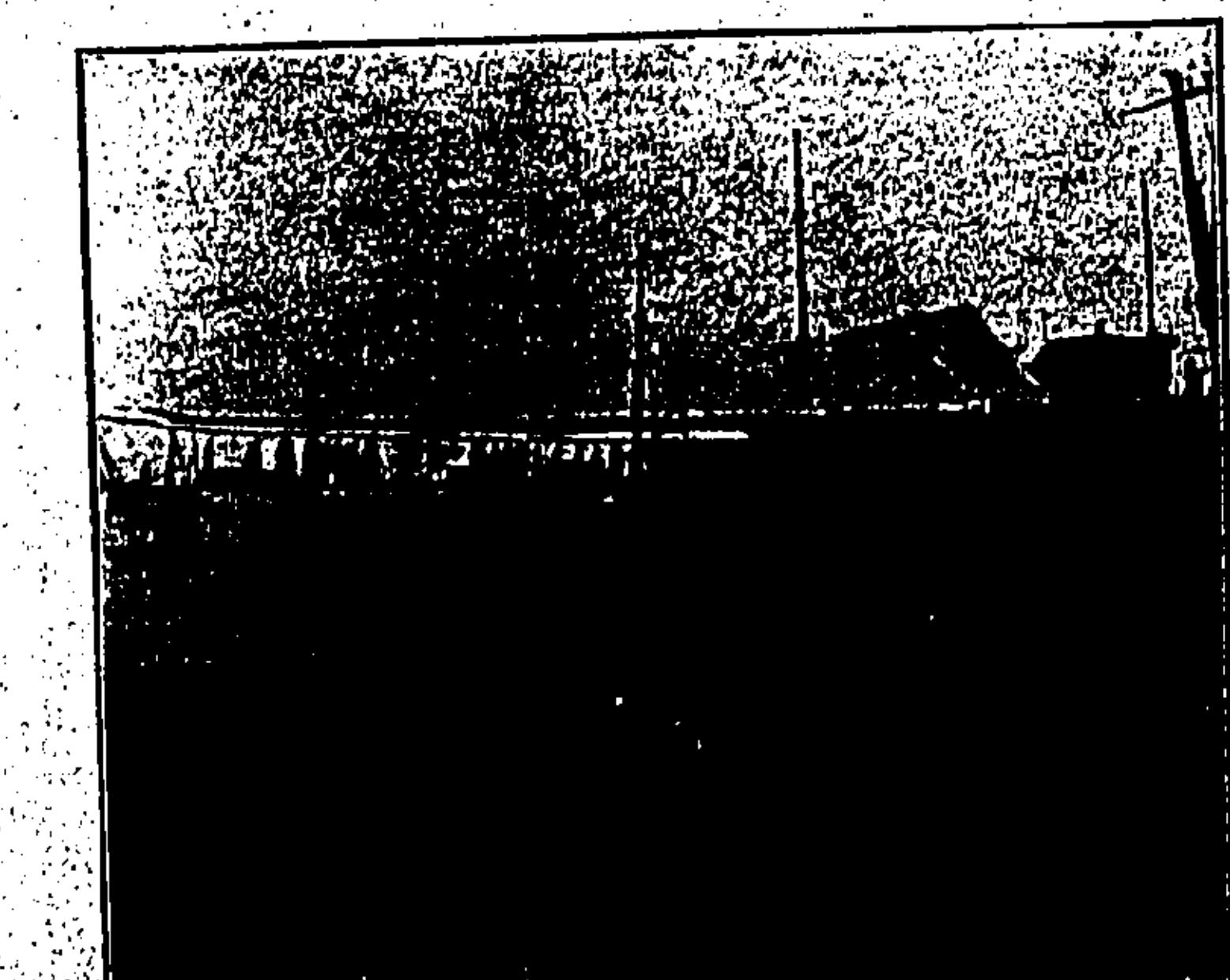
SPORTS IN CAMP.—In the high jump of the meeting of the 2nd Batt. King's Own Scottish Borderers, at San Wai Camp, near Fanling.—(K. Fujiyama).



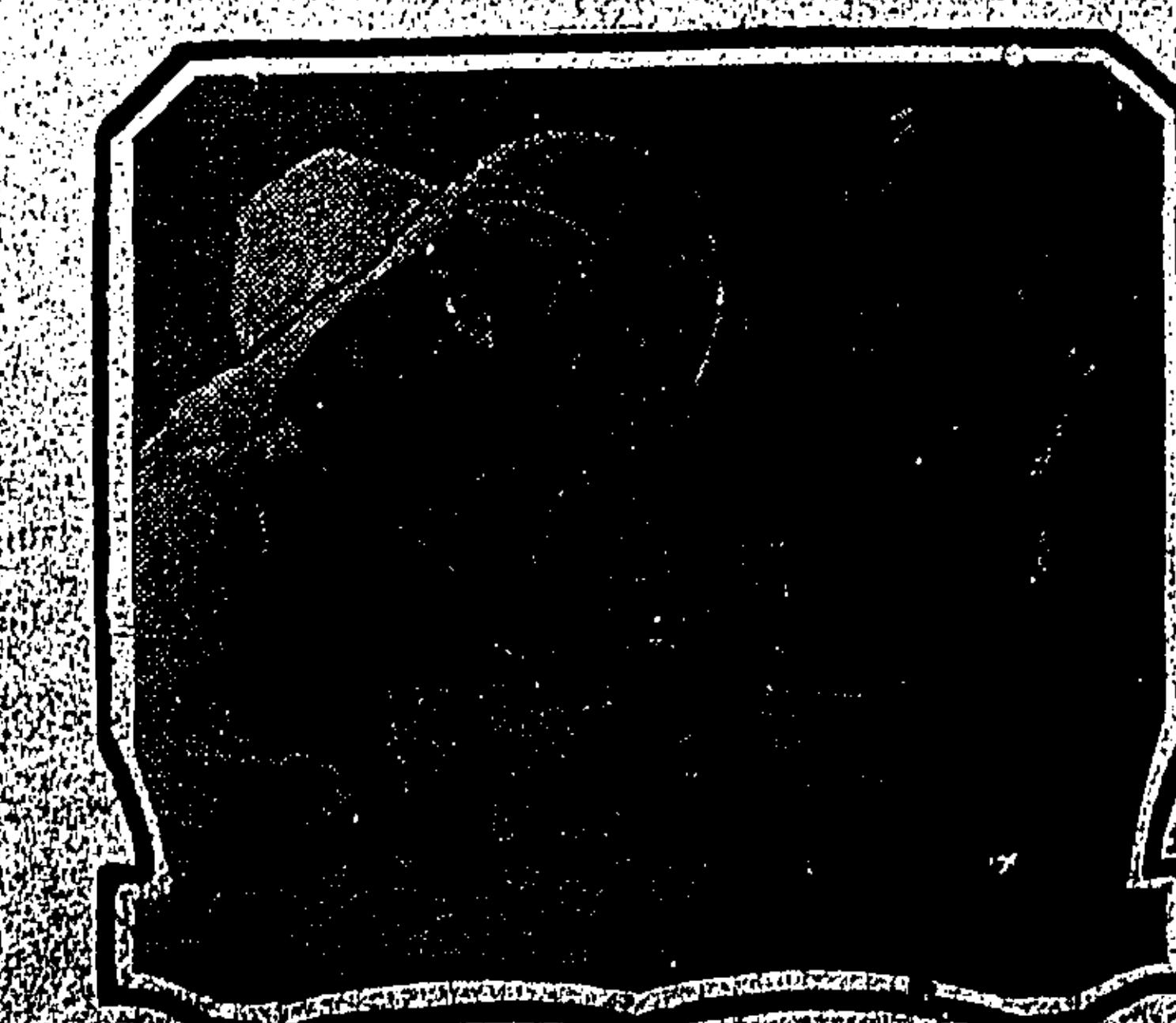
OVER THE JUMPS.—An excellent snapshot of the field taking one of the jumps on the Kwanti race course last Sunday, at the China New Year steeplechase meeting of the Fanling Hunt.—(K. Fujiyama).



DANISH MINISTER VISITS MACAO.—H.E. the Minister for Denmark in Peking, Mr. H. de Kauffmann, paid a visit recently to Macao, where he was warmly received by H.E. the Governor of Macao (Senhor A. T. Barbosa); and other officials on landing. Top: the arrival of the Danish Minister, who was met by the Governor and officials; centre: the guard of honour; bottom: Mr. Kauffmann, accompanied by the Governor, reviewing the guard of honour.—(Photos by courtesy of Mr. J. Catele).



NEW COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.—Vice-Admiral A. K. Waistell, C.B., taking the salute on the quarter deck of H.M.S. "Kent" (alongside the camber, R.N. Dockyard) when he transferred his flag after arrival here.



"ON APPROVAL" AT THE THEATRE ROYAL.—Produced by the Hong Kong ADDCO. Above is one of the scenes from the play, "On Approval," by Frederick Lonsdale, at the Theatre Royal. Left to right: Maria Wislack (Eva Davidson); Richard Halton (B. L. Seton-Winton); Helen Hayle (Lucy Greensmith); the Duke of Bristol (M. M. Maas).

WADDELL, NEIL, WILLIAM, AND OTHERS.

PAULEtte GLENCOE.—A charming pupill of Miss Violet Chappell, who will appear in the forthcoming displays at the Queen's Theatre (Feb. 27) and Star Theatre (March 2).

OUR WOMEN'S SECTION

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Only a Spartan among women—if any there are!—could resist this newest of the new negligees turned out by the Paris dressmakers, a luxurious creation consisting of a heavy metallic-brocaded coat and flat-crepe trousers. Notice the loose cut of the garment, an insurance of the ultimate in comfort.

ACCESSORIES

Two Ways To Choose Them

Undeniably, it is the adjuncts of a gown that give it its tone or put the mark of good or bad taste on any costume. In summer, accessories are most necessary, but they are fewer than in winter, which only means that more time must be spent in thinking out the colour schemes and general effect. "There are two ways to choose accessories," says a writer in an overseas' periodical. "You may match things exactly, or you may pick them as you would the small pieces of a picture puzzle, each one because it is related to the whole and necessary to complete the picture. It is quite true, for in-

antelope bags, there are bags of kid, "calfskin, lizard and glazed alligator, duveligne and felt. The bags that are carried with tailored street clothes and sports clothes are usually envelopes, either oblong or square with amusingly shaped flaps.

The bags that are most used by smart women with more formal clothes are square antelope bags or frames of shining gold or silver, amber or tortoise shell. The colour is black, beige, brown, grey or gunmetal and matches the stocking or the costume itself. A frock may be made suitable to almost any occasion by the careful use of accessories. Take a light beige sports frock, for instance. One may treat it in shades of brown. Brown shoes, brown felt hat, a handkerchief round the neck

LIGHTHOUSE MESSAGES

Installation Difficulties

Canberra, Jan. 22.—The difficulties of installing wireless transmission at all lighthouses was stressed to-day by the Minister for Trade and Customs (Mr. Gullett), when referring to the call which the steamer "Katoomba" had to pay to Gabo Island on Sunday morning to attend the wife of a lighthouse-keeper, and a statement by the captain of the vessel to the effect that this illustrated the advisability of equipping lighthouses with wireless.

"This matter," said Mr. Gullett, "has received a good deal of consideration from the Department, but it is not so simple as many seem to imagine. People are so used to buying wireless sets and hooking it on to a wire that they are apt to imagine that this is all that is involved at the lighthouse stations. Quite the contrary is the case, however, as what is required to despatch messages from a lighthouse station is, of course, a sending-set, which is a very different proposition from a receiving set. I am advised that it is a very much more complicated proposition which requires the generation of electric current and the control of electrical apparatus,

(Continued at foot of next Column.)

Warming Up!



Because she wanted to get in condition for a forthcoming endurance swim.

Miss Lotte Schoenmire, the New York

distance "star," first went skating in a swimming costume on the ice at Van Cortland Park, then chopped a hole in the ice and plunged in for a brief swim. Her arrival at the start of her morning training

The Formal Fur



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In general the problem in designing evening wraps is to find a type that looks well with the new eve-

FASHION PIRATES

Paris Dressmakers' Action

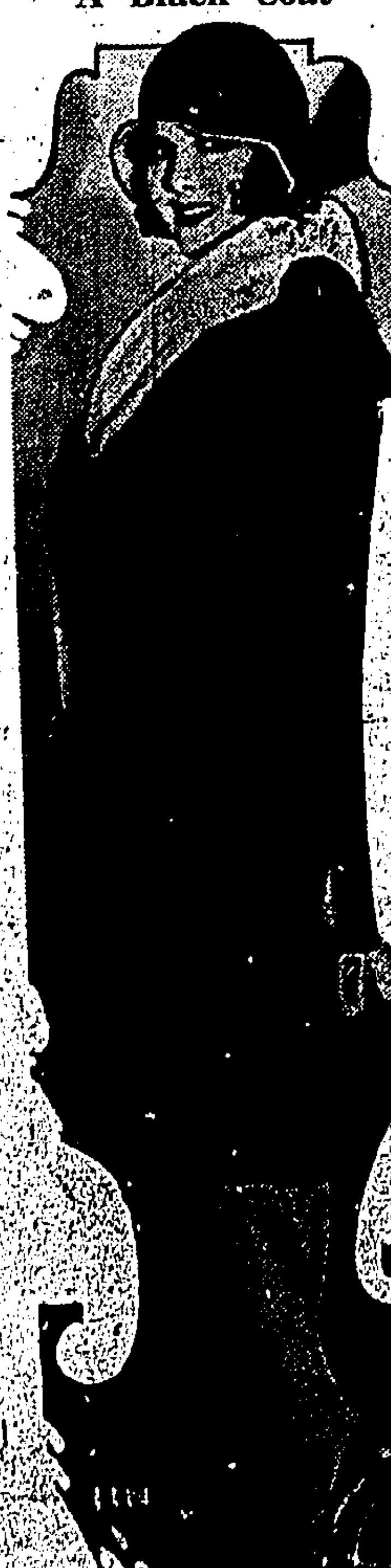
Nine leading Paris dressmakers combined to stamp out the pirating of new fashion designs.

The Paris correspondent of the "Daily News" says that a special staff of detectives will attend future fashion shows to which fashion artists and writers will be excluded until the buyers have seen the models. The buyers' credentials will be examined before they are allowed to enter the show, and the purchases of foreign buyers will be sealed and sent direct to their destination. Action will also be taken against the cheap French houses whose sole business is the reproduction and sale of pirated styles.

TABLE LINEN HINTS

Through constant folding and pressing in the same lines, table cloths quickly show signs of wear at the folds. If a narrow strip is cut off each of the four edges and the cloth re-hemmed, the position of the folds will be altered and the new crease will be stronger to withstand repeated mangling and ironing. If in too bad a state for this method of renovation, good strips from old table cloths, make useful everyday table napkins. With the addition of suitable edging, larger strips make useful extra tray cloths.

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The general shape and size of the hands cannot be changed, but their condition may always be such that they are attractive to look at. The good effect of a lovely face, carefully considered, tasteful clothes, etc., may be spoiled by neglected, carelessly groomed hands and nails.

Hands whose contours have been altered to a certain degree by hard, rough work can be improved by hand exercises which involve, not only the hand itself, but also the fingers and joints. While joints which have become enlarged cannot, as a rule, be brought back to their natural shape, they may be

scrub the nails with the nail brush when the hands are washed, and use the pumice stone to remove ink stains, rough or calloused spots, or unsightly marks on the hands.

The housewife may keep her hands in good order even when working every day in the kitchen.

Bran has magical qualities in preserving the good appearance of working hands. Mix bran with hot water; let it stand until warm, and wash the hands thoroughly in the mixture. The stains which the bran does not remove will vanish with an application of lemon or tomato juice. Olive oil should be rubbed into the nails at night.

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made more flexible through exercises and proper care. Regular manicure will keep the nails even of busy people daintily looking and shapely. The outfit necessary for nail care should comprise a thin file, steel scissars, a soft, pliable buffer, orange wood sticks, an emery board, nail brush, small pumice stone, unscented soap, a good hand lotion or cold cream, nail polish; and in case the skin is discoloured or stained under the nails, a little peroxide of hydrogen to serve as a bleach. Scissars should not be used to remove ragged bits of cuticle, but only to remove the corners of the nails smooth. The emery board should be used to smooth the edges of the nails, after the filing is done.

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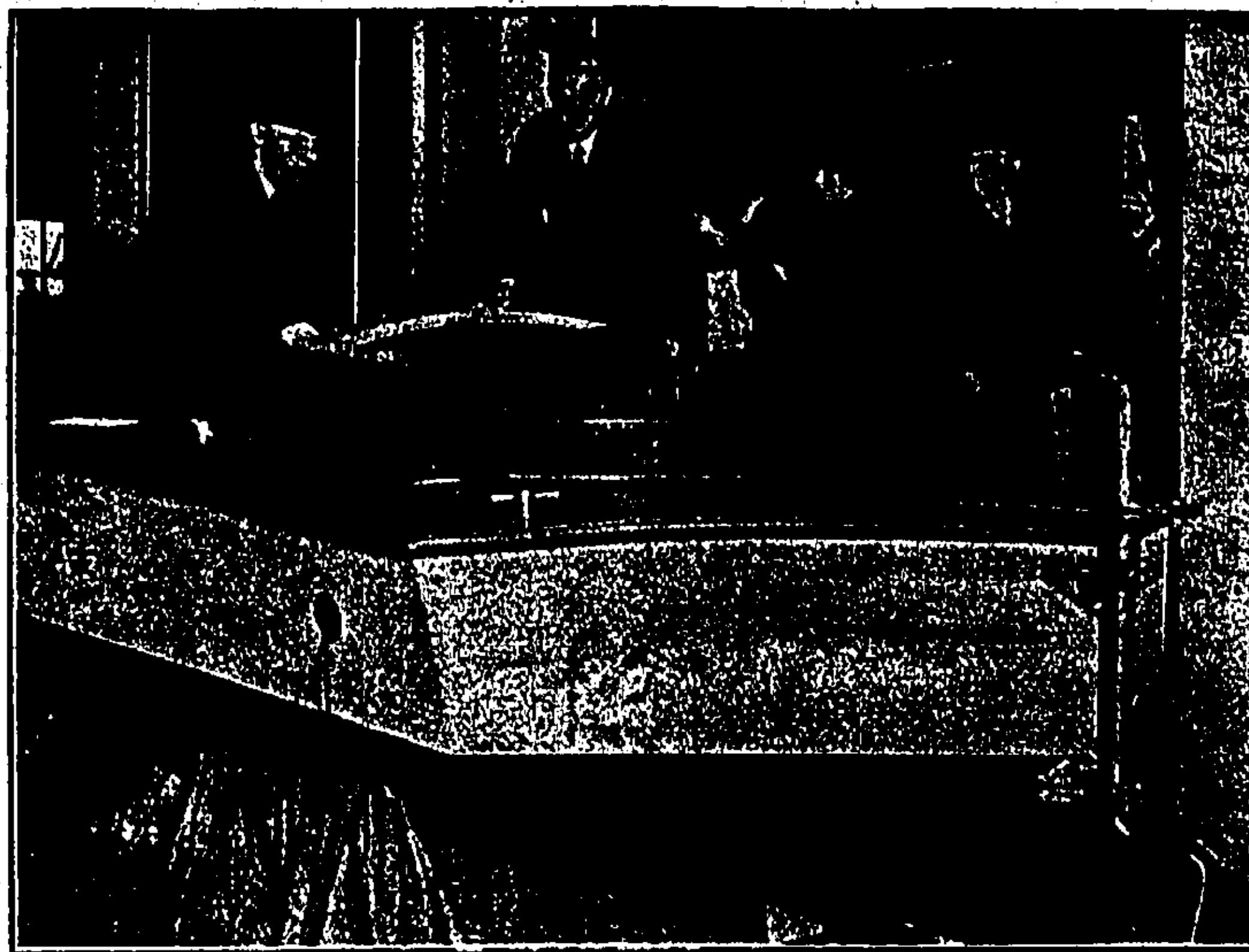
which is quite outside the scope of the untrained lighthouse-keeper. In fact, a sending set requires the services of a skilled operator. Under such circumstances, the difficulty of establishing and maintaining of every lighthouse around the coast of Australia will be

a black task. Costs will be high, and the maintenance of the equipment will be a heavy drain on the resources of the colony.

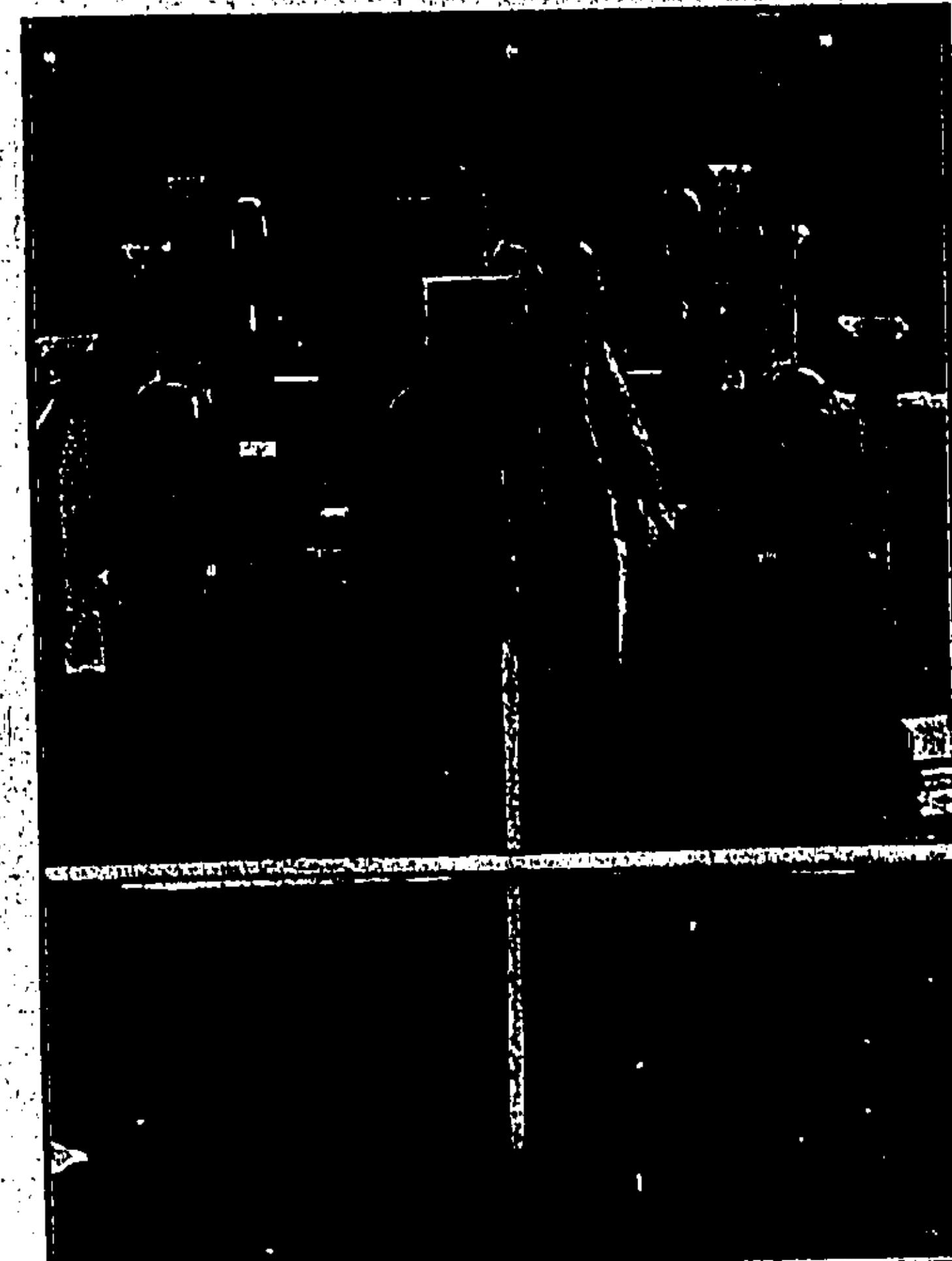
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SCOTLAND IN LONDON.—A novel entertainment at a London music hall. A real Highland gathering depicting Scottish dances and sports was held on the stage of the London Coliseum in celebration of Burns Week. John Maitland, of Cullon, is seen tossing the caber. He is the winner of many competitions.—(Sport and General).



MAJOR SEGRAVE TO ATTEMPT WORLD'S SPEED RECORDS ON LAND AND WATER.—He sailed for America on Jan. 30, taking with him his 950 h.p. great racing car "Golden Arrow" and his 900 h.p. new motor boat "Miss England" with which he hopes to capture the speed records for England. Both car and boat were on show in London. Major Segrave (left) is seen explaining some points of his motor boat to Sir Sefton Branker. The new boat is 26 ft. in length with a beam of 7 ft. 6 ins., weighs less than 1½ tons with two passengers and is expected to attain a speed of 100 m.p.h.—(Sport and General).



THE "GOLDEN ARROW." — Major H. O. D. Segrave has taken to America his 950 h.p. great racing car "Golden Arrow" and his 900 h.p. new motor boat "Miss England" with which he hopes to capture the speed records. A special feature of the car is the "gunsights" which can be plainly seen in photo and which will be used to facilitate the steering.—(Sport and General).



BEAUTIES OF SWITZERLAND BY NIGHT. A GENERAL VIEW OF ST. MORITZ, WHERE THE WINTER SPORTS ENTHUSIASTS NO DOUBT TOOK PART IN NIGHT-TIME FESTIVITIES AT THE HOTELS.—(Sport and General).



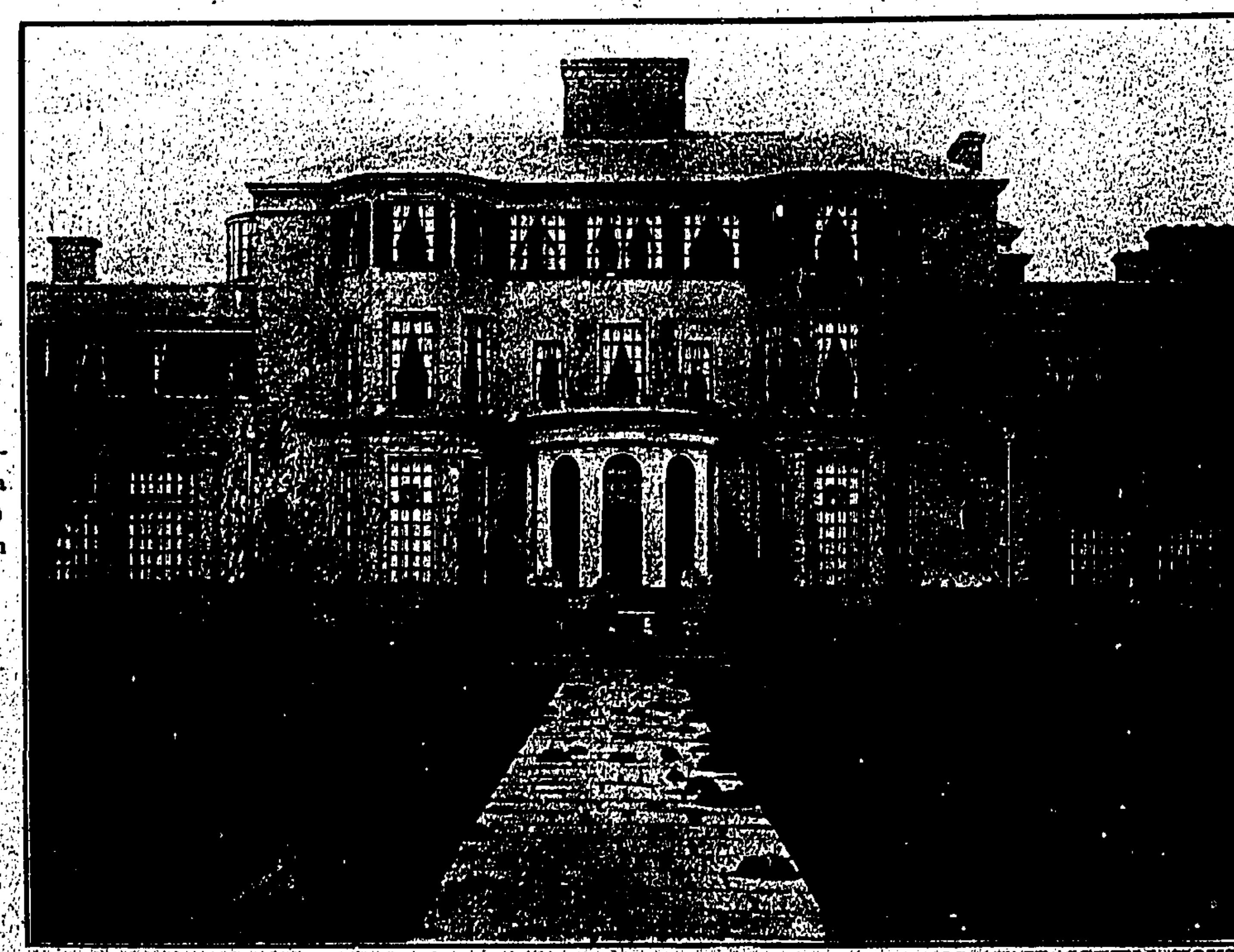
COMMISSIONER EDWARD J. HIGGINS, C.B.E., hitherto Chief-of-Staff, who has succeeded General Bramwell Booth as commander of the Salvation Army. He was involved on Jan. 18, in a motor accident.—(Sport and General).



UNUSUAL SCENE IN ENGLAND.—A snow sleigh on the London-Maidstone-road. Mrs. Kilburn Scott's famous champion Samoyeds out for a run at Farningham, Kent, in the snow. She is seen standing in the photo and makes a pretty picture as she views the wintry landscape during a rest on the cross-country journey.—(Sport and General).



THE SALVATION ARMY.—The Salvation Army High Council's most momentous meeting to discuss the appointment of a new General. Commander Eva Booth (General Booth's sister) is seen shaking hands with Colonel Muthiah, a delegate from Madras.—(Sport and General).



H.M. THE KING RECUPERATING AT BOGNOR. HIS MAJESTY IS NOW RECOVERING AT CRAIGWELL HOUSE, THE RESIDENCE OF SIR ARTHUR DU CROS, WHICH HAS BEEN PLACED AT HIS DISPOSAL. THIS MAGNIFICENT STONE MANSION OVERLOOKS THE BAY AT THE OLD WORLD VILLAGE OF ALDWICK, AND IS AN IDEAL SPOT FOR AN INVALID.—Here is a general view of the house from the promenade.—(Sport and General).



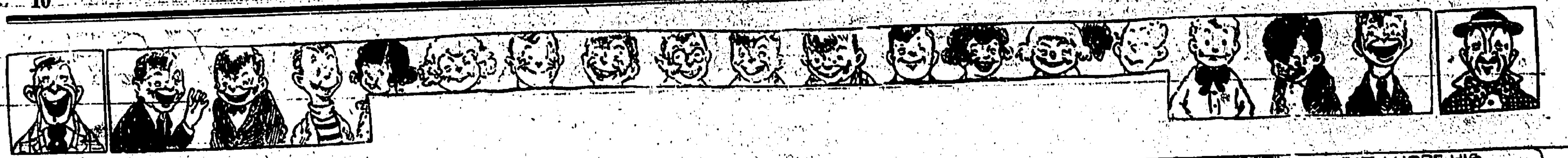
LONDON'S WHIRLWIND SNOWSTORM.—Sky as black as night for half an hour on the morning of Jan. 16. London was in the throes of a whirlwind snowstorm which blotted out the daylight, caused traffic chaos, motors to skid, horses to slip and fall, and delayed thousands of people on their way to work. Here is a casualty. The greengrocers' donkey comes to grief on the slippery Old Kent-road.—(Sport and General).



TO ATTEMPT RECORD.—An attempt on the world's duration record, without re-fuelling, is to be made by a Fairey long range aircraft fitted with a Napier Lion engine. The machine, two-seater, (left) flight, Eric Victor Major, and Squadron Leader Arthur Groom, D.S.O., Williams, M.C.—(Sport and General).



NOTABILITIES AT MADEIRA.—A popular winter resort for English Society. "Literature and the Sun." Lord Birkenhead (the ex-Lord Chancellor) reading a book while sun-bathing.—(Sport and General).



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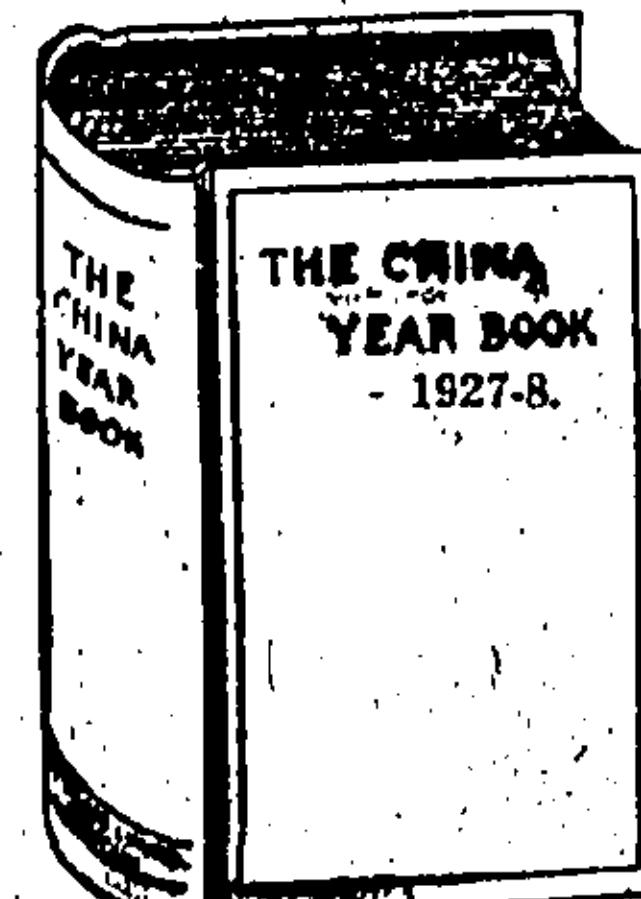
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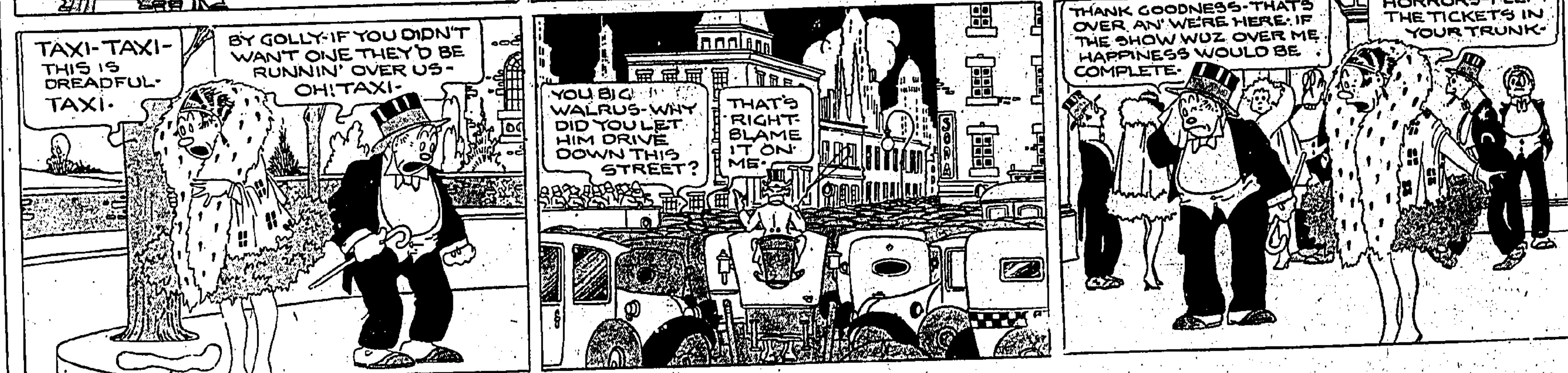
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XXI.—WISE MEN—THEN AND NOW

[By the Rev. L. B. Ashby]

In the realm of history, King Arthur and his knights are at best shadowy and uncertain figures. Neither they themselves nor their exploits have any sure historical basis. All the same, no one could very well read the Arthurian legends without learning a very great deal about spiritual things, such as chivalry, honour, courage and loyalty. Truth—and very great and vital truth—can be "embodied in a tale," and we have only to think of Our Lord's parables to realise that stories are some of the most effective of all vehicles for bringing truth home to our hearts and minds.

The historicity of the Wise Men can, of course, neither be proved nor disproved. In any case, it does not matter. Whether they belong to the realm of poetry and legend rather than to the realm of history is immaterial. If you prefer to think of it as just a beautiful old story, well and good; only, remember that a story may ensnare very valuable spiritual truth; and if we approach this story intelligently, we shall do so as those who are not going to bother much about what sort of casket it is which holds the jewels, as long as they can get a glimpse of the jewel itself which lies inside. Approached in this way, it is seen to be both a prophecy and a parable.

And first, it is a prophecy, and, what is more, a prophecy which is actually being fulfilled before our eyes to-day. These sages, journeying from Eastern lands to seek out the Christ in Bethlehem and offering at His cradle their worship and their gifts, represent plainly enough the East with its ancient philosophies and immemorial religions turning its face to Christ and coming to lay its treasures at His feet. This is precisely what is happening at the present time. If neither India, China, nor Japan have as yet become Christian nations, yet in all these lands educated men are more and more turning their eyes towards Jesus Christ with ever deepening interest.

Turning to Christ

The New Testament is being earnestly read and studied in the East to an extent which few people realise, and Our Lord's character and teaching are beginning to be accepted almost unconsciously as the ideal standard of conduct. Many educated Hindus to-day will speak quite naturally of an action as being "Christ-like" though they have not themselves become Christians. The old religions are maintained and will not doubt hold their ground for many a long day, but they are ceasing to meet the spiritual needs of those who are really seeking after God. These ancient cults have no good news of God to offer, and, further, the best minds in the East are beginning to admit the hopeless deficiency of their moral teaching in the light of the standard set up by the New Testament.

Even among well educated Jews there is to-day a movement towards the serious study of Christ's teaching. That is a very significant fact. The face of the East is turning, however slowly, towards Bethlehem and its Star. It seems almost certain that as the world becomes unified, as it is rapidly doing, it will ultimately have one universal religion. Can this religion possibly be any other than the religion of Christ? Can anyone even faintly imagine the world as a whole becoming either Buddhist or Hindu or Mohammedan? But one can easily conceive of its becoming Christian not only because the Christian standard of life is the highest that there is, but because Christianity is the only religion which is really international and transcends all boundaries of climate and colour. Its outlook is neither merely Eastern nor Western because Christ is neither an Eastern nor a Western, but is Himself international. He was made man, and not a man, and in consequence He is as much at home in China as in England.

Roads to Nowhere

It is needless to point out what priceless spiritual gifts the ancient East will bring as its offering to Him when at last it reaches Bethlehem. And for ourselves this old-world story is a parable about our own search after God. If we want to find Him we must begin by finding Christ, for no one will ever find Him in any other way than that which the Wise Men took. People, we are told, are seeking after God at this present time, but they are seeking Him everywhere except in the one place where He is to be found. They are dabbling in Spiritualism, Theosophy, New Thought, and rigmaroles about the Pyramids—all of them roads which lead nowhere. Meanwhile, He is at Bethlehem. As a matter of fact, He does not need finding, because

He has been found. He has been found in Christ. "If the finest spirits of the human race," says Stanley Jones, "should sit down and think out the kind of God whom they would like to see in the Universe, His moral and spiritual likeness would gradually form like unto the Son of Man. The greatest news that has ever been broken to the human race is that God is like Christ."

You can meet people to-day who tell you that they can believe in Christ, but cannot believe in God. It is an oddly false antithesis. Jesus does not rival or push out God. The more you know of Him the more you know of God. This is an actual fact of experience made by millions, that in coming to know Christ, we have come to know God. It is a matter of ample testimony and not of argument. We can think of nothing higher for God than that He should be like Jesus in His character. If that is not good enough for us then it is impossible to imagine what we really want. If people find that they can give their hearts to Christ, has it never struck them that God cannot possibly be less good than He is? Has it never struck them either that you cannot divorce the lovely character of Jesus from His fellowship of heart and mind and will with God, of whom He is never tired of speaking? How can we accept Christ and at the same time reject His witness to and testimony about God? This is simply not logic.

COMEDY OF VENICE

CONSTANCE TALMADGE IN COLOURFUL PART

ENCHANTING ROMANCE

Constance Talmadge has a colourful story of Venice, that enchanting city of canals where romance seems to beckon in the dancing splashes of light from each glowing window, with mystery and adventure lurking in the shadows beyond at the Majestic Theatre, Kowloon, in "Venus of Venice."

It is a story of a hoydenish gypsy of the waterways whose capacity for roguery and mischief is seemingly limitless; a madcap feared by police and citizenry alike yet charmingly and lovable within. And the added complication of an impulsive American artist who attempts to remould her sorry scheme of things, with a most surprising result.

GRABBING AGAIN

(Continued from page 1.)

ty. The three who combined to eject a fourth who happened to be governor are best defined as belonging to the doubtful category. They jibed because the governor withheld revenue from them. Such coups as this are the one they carried out have lost much of their significance except that of a resulting change in personnel.

[Note: It is well to remember that on a previous occasion a pretender to the Tuchunship of Hunan, Tang Seng-chi, brought about the biggest war in China (the Nationalist Northern Expedition) and that the trouble started through the then governor being ousted.]

Events in the east of Shantung are on a different plane. Adventurers are back at their old game of extortion as long as they can stay. I will not go so far as to support the Shanghai Chinese Press accusation of Japanese complicity; but I do think that Chang Tsung-chang does have the blessing of some Japanese interests.

Missionary's Views

Knowing that the ground is clear, that the Nationalist garrison is small and beset by rebels and bandits, Chang Tsung-chang has slipped back to the province which he formerly squeezed so thoroughly. How long he can last is problematical. But his venture has no bearing on this week's reports on the Nationalist situation generally.

The "Sunday Times" quotes a veteran missionary who writes:—

"Never in my forty years in China have we seen the Chinese people so oppressed, so utterly disheartened as they are to-day. The Nanking Government cannot last long. The leaders are hoarding up their millions against the day when the crash comes. And come it surely will, for the people are fast becoming disillusioned."

In becoming disillusioned, the Chinese, have taken new views.

The masses, although unable to restrain war-lords (Nationalist or not) have reached the stage when they cannot support another grand civil war.

The major factions have divided, what they have won and have tacitly agreed to cease fighting because there is not much more in store to fight for.

H.K. VOLUNTEERS

ANNUAL INSPECTION PARADE

LAST NIGHT

SMART TURN OUT

The annual inspection parade of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, which was held on the Murray Parade ground yesterday afternoon, and watched by a large and cosmopolitan gathering, proved to be a smart and creditable turnout for all the units concerned.

The inspection was held by the retiring General Officer Commanding, South China Command, (H. E. Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G.), who is due to sail Home on H. M. troopship "Dorsetshire" on March 8.

An opportunity was taken in the course of the parade to decorate Sergt-Major Green and Sergt. Jack with the Long Service Medal, the ceremony being performed by the General.

The Volunteers marched to the Parade Ground from Headquarters headed by their own band, composed of Portuguese members of the Corps. They lined up facing the stands with the Scottish Section and Colours in the centre.

The General Salute

On arrival, Major-General Luard, who was accompanied by Lieut. R. Q. F. Johnston, A.D.C., was received with the General Salute. After inspecting the parade, H. E. decorated the two N. C. O.'s, and then the men marched past, the General who was accompanied by other officers taking the salute.

Following the march past, the Volunteers formed three sides of a square from the centre of which Major-General Luard addressed them. After commenting on the first appearance of the band, and expressing appreciation of the efforts of Lieut. Col. L. G. Bird, the Commandant, who had been ably supported by Major R. A. Wolfe Murray, Adjutant, the speaker went on to deal with changes that had taken place in the Corps, and said that all changes were related to the military war needs of the Colony. In the event of such a calamity as war occurring, the Volunteers would be asked to fight under their own commanders, being given definite responsible roles alongside regular troops in defence of the Colony.

Commanders of all units were to be congratulated on the keenness and energy displayed, and the Volunteers were worthy to carry proudly the Colours so kindly presented by the ladies of the Colony, which were then on view for the first inspection parade.

Referring to numbers, His Excellency pointed out that there were not sufficient members and the recent decline in British members was to be deplored. The best recruiters were the Volunteers themselves, and the speaker appealed for help by practical steps and suggestions.

With regard to the administrative side, Major General Luard continued that the establishments of the units and the means of bringing them up to a condition suitable to take the field, should be adequate and complete. In this connection they could be sure of obtaining the sympathetic help of the Command Headquarters Staff.

The New General

Referring to his successor, H. E. Major-General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Major-General Luard said that the latter had commanded a Territorial regiment not many years ago, so they could rely upon it that he would fully realise the difficulties of Volunteer work. He would no doubt give every assistance to maintain and increase the efficiency of the H. K. V. D. C.

With regard to developments in the future, H. E. asked the Volunteers to expand the present A. S. C. Cadre to enable it, by drawing on the civil resources of the Colony, to assume responsibility for the supply by mechanical transport of the daily wants of regular and Volunteer units, such as food, ammunition, and stores.

Concluding, His Excellency said that he left Hong Kong and its Volunteer Defence Corps with great regret, and he wished them all the very best of luck.

The parade then reformed and marched back to Headquarters, headed by the band.

MARINE CASES

At the Marine Court yesterday, the Hon. Commander G. F. Hole, R.N. (retired), imposed a fine of \$45 on the coxswain of the steam launch "Fel Hung" for carrying nine passengers in excess of the number allowed by his licence which permitted a maximum of 51.

The alternative for the fine was six weeks' hard labour.

The mistress of a cargo boat was fined \$15, or two weeks' jail for committing a breach of her licence by carrying 20 passengers.

A fine of \$10 or ten days' imprisonment was imposed on the master of a passenger boat for making fast to the motor vessel "Australian."

Six mistresses of cargo boats were ordered to pay fines of \$10 each, or ten days' hard labour, for making fast to the a.s. "Hong Ha," whilst the ship was under

THE HUNAN COUP

FIGHTING NEAR CHANGSHA

REPORTED

FOREIGNERS STILL SAFE

Changsha, Thursday. Fighting is reported to have broken out between Nationalist factions in the neighbourhood of Changsha.

All trains on the Hankow-Changsha Railway have been commanded for troops during the last two days, ostensibly for the suppression of bandits, but the troops have attacked and driven out General Lu Ti-ping (chairman of the Huan Provincial Government).

Adherents of the Kwangsi military party are now reported to be in control of Changsha (the capital of Hunan).

So far there has been no interference with foreigners. — British Naval Wireless.

[Note: The foregoing report uses the word attacked. Reuter said yesterday that there was no actual fighting but, rather, a coup which resulted in the Governor fleeing.]

Hankow's Blessing

Hankow, Yesterday. The ousting of Lu Ti-ping (from the provincial governorship of Hunan) and his replacement by General Ho Chien has been accomplished with the approval and connivance of the Kwangsi leaders at Wuhan.

Lengthy telegrams have been despatched from here to General Li Tsung-jen (of the Kwangsi party) and Marshal Chiang Kai-shek (President of the State Council) giving the reasons for Lu Ti-ping's dismissal, the chief being his appropriation of provincial finances, neglect of suppression of Com-

WEATHER FIGURES

OBSERVATORY RETURNS FOR

JANUARY

WARMER THAN USUAL

Although only 184 hours of sunshines were recorded at the Royal Observatory in January, and there were six days in which there was no sunshine, the total rainfall was only .98 inch against an average of 1.315 inches. The Colony's rainfall statistics for last month follow:

No. of Days Inches

Observatory (Kowloon) 8 .98

Botanical Garden (Hong Kong) 5 1.30

Matilda Hospital (Mount Kellett) 7 .90

Police Station (Taipo) 5 1.48

Temperatures

The mean temperatures for the month, with the "normal" stated in brackets were: — maximum 66.5 (64.5), mean 62.5 (59.9), minimum 59.4 (56.3), so that it will be seen that January was warmer than usual. The highest temperature was 74.4 on the 14th and 15th, and the lowest 52.2 on the 4th.

The lowest reading of the barometer at measure level was 29.877 inches from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the 30th.

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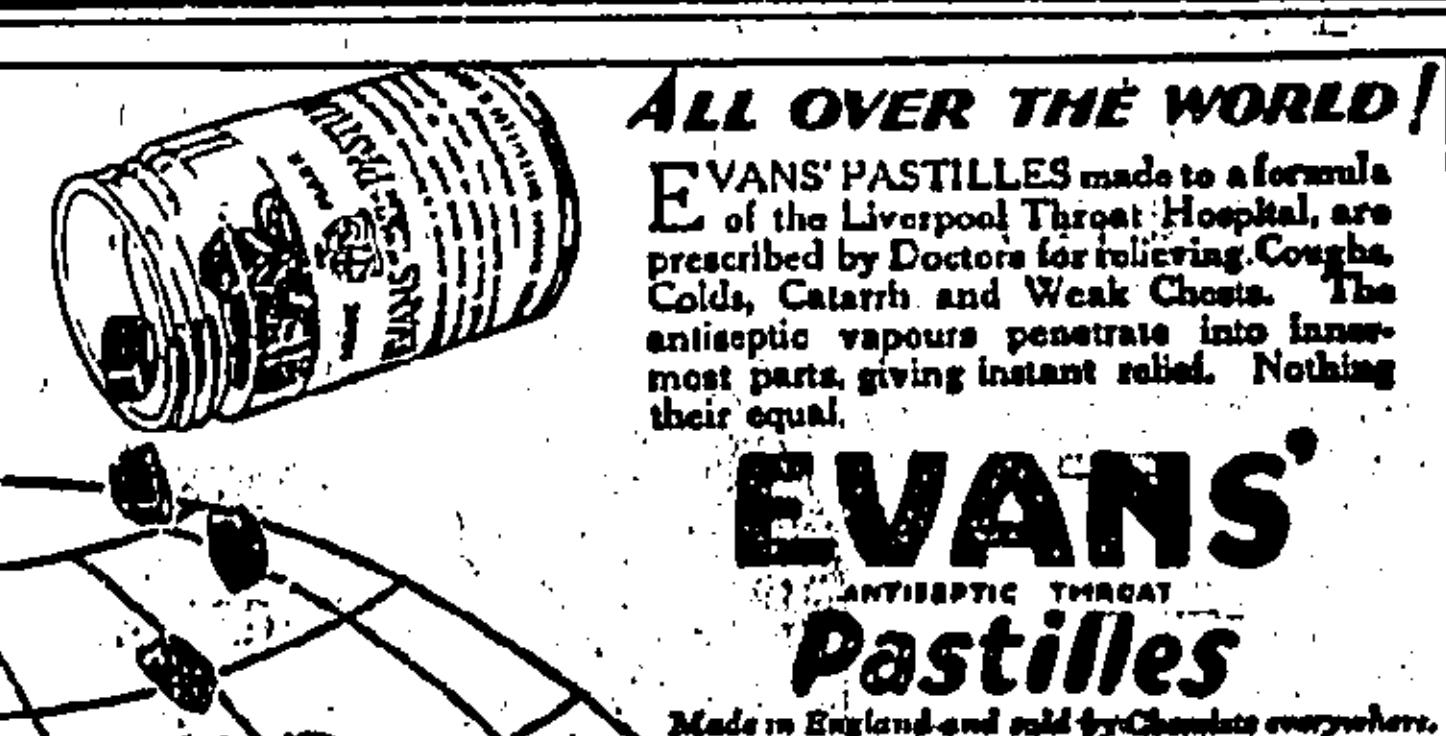
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MEDAL FOR EX-OFFICIAL

An interesting Girl Guides ceremony took place yesterday afternoon, when Mrs. W. T. Southorn presented the Prince of Wales' Banner to the Second Kowloon Company. Mention was made that the Medal of Merit is to be awarded by the Executive Committee of the Girl Guides Association to Lady Stuart Taylor, an ex-official in the Guide movement in Hong Kong.

Opportunity was also taken to present a silver cup, given by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for competition amongst the Girl Guides, for the best essay on given subject.

Addressing the gathering prior to the presentations, Mrs. Southorn said:—

This is a very thrilling occasion both for you and for me, for you are receiving the Prince of Wales' Banner again into your keeping and I am presenting it for the first time owing to the absence of your President, Lady Clementi. I am sure Lady Clementi will regret that she could not be here to-day as much as we regret her absence.

The Prince of Wales' Banner was first competed for in 1924 and it has been held by the following companies:

1st Kowloon 1924.
2nd Kowloon 1925.
2nd Kowloon 1926.
1st Kowloon 1927.
3rd Hong Kong 1928.
2nd Kowloon 1929.

so during these six years it has been held three times by 2nd Kowloon, in fact Kowloon has only lost it once which was to the 3rd Hong Kong last year. I recommend Hong Kong to look to its laurels and make a strenuous effort to carry the banner across the Harbour next year.

Creditable Averages
However, greatly though I applaud the success of 2nd Kowloon, I do not think the other Companies should be discouraged. The averages were very creditable indeed and it should be an encouragement to the unsuccessful companies that the successful company this year was low down on last year's list. It shows that the company has profited by experience and Mrs. Remington's useful reports should be a great help and guide to all companies for next year's competition. I cannot say too much in praise of Mrs. Remington's valuable work in connection with the Banner competition. She throws herself into this work with her customary enthusiasm and I feel sure if she had her way every company would get a banner for they are all so dear to her heart. Our gratitude is due to Mrs. Minett and Miss Clark for their great help in examining.

The Brownies
Before I come to the actual presentation of the Banner there are one or two things I wish to mention. I see in the hall a number of Brownies some of whom seem to me to be nearing an 'out size' in the Brownie world. I hope they are also prepared to be Guides and to carry on the tradition of 2nd Kowloon. There is a tendency for Brownies to love their Pack so much that they feel they would like to be once a Brownie always a Brownie. But it is not the true Guide spirit. Brownies cannot be Peter Pans. They must grow up in order to feed the Guide Companies which in turn feed the Ranger Companies. Only in this way can we keep the Movement vigorous and ever growing.

Lady Stuart Taylor Honoured
I have some good news to give you not directly connected with the Brownies—I just received from home the following letter from Miss Montgomery, General Secretary of the Girl Guide Association:

"Dear Mrs. Southorn,
I am glad to tell you that the Executive Committee decided on Tuesday to award the Medal of Merit to Lady Stuart Taylor. The Award will have to be made here in this country, but she will be told that this has been given at the request of the Hong Kong Guide Association."

I am hoping that eventually Lady Stuart Taylor will be able to help us with the Guiding over here. I know she wants to settle first in her own home before she undertakes any work.

I hope all is going well with you. My New Year Wishes are somewhat belated, but I hope you will accept them—Yours very sincerely,

(Sd) Muriel Montgomery,
General Secretary.

Delightful Coincidence
To-day is a great day in the whole Guide world. We could not have chosen a more suitable one for the presentation of the Banner. It is the Joint Birthday of the Chief Scout and the Chief Guide and we together with the Scouts have sent them a telegram of good wishes. It is a very delightful coincidence that these two wonderful people should celebrate their birthday on the same day. We hope with all our hearts that they may both rule over the Scout and Guide destined for

many years. It was my privilege to spend some hours once again under their delightful roof at Fox Hill last year and I can assure you that the true Scout and Guide spirit dwells in their home—made doubly attractive by a sense of humour which pervades all their doings from sunrise to sunset.

THREE TROPHIES WON

But time presses and I must not keep you any longer. Before I hand the Banner actually to the company I wish to congratulate the Diocesan Girl Guides School on having won three Guide trophies this year—the Brownies totem, the R.S.P.C.A. Cup, and the Prince of Wales' Banner. The Banner success is in no small measure due to Miss Jean Ho Tung the keen capable Captain, who is a real support and pillar of the Guide movement.

We congratulate Miss Ho Tung on her approaching marriage, and her fiance, himself a Scoutmaster, on his wise choice—and we congratulate ourselves that she has promised to carry on the company after her marriage. We cannot spare her. It is an interesting fact that Miss Glittins the capable Lieutenant of 2nd Kowloon will be the Captain's sister-in-law. I leave you to work out this rather complicated sentence!

Kowloon Successes

These signal successes of 2nd Kowloon would not have been possible were it not for the untiring support and encouragement of Miss Sawyer and her Staff. Miss Sawyer has assisted in every possible way, and we thank her most heartily.

And now let me give the Banner into your safe keeping for this year. The motto the Prince of Wales adopted long centuries ago on the field of battle is "Ich Dien"—"I serve." The aim of the Guides should be to carry into every-day life the spirit off service—service in the home—service in the outside world. We are proud of you 2nd Kowloon; for we know you receive the Banner gladly as a sign that you have done your best—but humbly conscious that you have much to learn. My good wishes to you, 2nd Kowloon—my thanks for your good work in the past—and my hopes for good fortune in the Future.

Mrs. Southorn then presented the Prince of Wales' Banner to the Company, later handing a silver cup presented by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to Miss P. Anderson, who wrote the essay on a given subject on behalf of the company. Another cup, presented by the troupe for the best patrol during the past year, was handed to the leader of the Holly Patrol.

Three hearty cheers for Mrs. Southorn concluded the proceedings.

Asst. Commissioner's Report
The report of the Assistant Colony Commissioner on the Prince of Wales' Banner Competition for 1928 is as follows:

The Competition this year was held on February 6 for the Hong Kong Companies, and February 8 for the Kowloon Companies. The subjects set included:

Inspection of Companies.
Inspection of Company Books.
Drills.
Test on Ambulance, Cooking, and General Knowledge.

Dr. Minett tested for the Ambulance and Miss Clarke took the fire-fighting and cooking. The rest of the Competition was taken by the Assistant Colony Commissioner. Two of the Companies who were near the bottom of the list last year showed remarkable improvement, in fact one of them—the 2nd Kowloon Company—gained the much prized Banner.

All Companies showed great interest and competed very keenly and there was very little difference in the marks in most cases. English Captains of Chinese Companies are of course handicapped because of the language but they must not be disheartened at not being first. It was really a special effort on the part of one of the oldest Companies in the Colony not to be beaten by a new one, that gave the winners the first place.

Miss Kotewall, acting head mistress of St. Paul's, very kindly lent the school for the examination of the Hong Kong Companies, and Miss Sawyer lent the Diocesan School grounds for the Competitions in Kowloon.

The general "turn out" of all Companies was excellent and very few marks were lost over the inspection and drills. Some Companies took the Competition rather too seriously perhaps and forgot that Guiding is a game and not hard training! The Captains and Lieutenants showed a most sporting spirit throughout and are to be congratulated on the excellent result of the hard work and time they have expended on their Companies since last year's Competition.

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EVE OF RACE WEEK

EXCELLENT PROSPECTS FOR MONDAY

HOW AND WHEN TO GO DOWN

Most notable among the innovations of the Hong Kong Jockey Club for the annual four days' race meeting at Happy Valley, which begins on Monday (and continues on Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday—and there is no such thing as the "off day" now), is the new pari-mutuel arrangement, which ensures comfort and convenience for punters.

Chances are very open in all events—although favourites have been freely tipped for the Derby and Champions. The number of ponies in training is encouraging and the course is in fine condition in spite of the drought.

On race days the "China Mail" will print special editions which will be clearly indicated on the posters. A final edition will appear each evening with the full racing results and this will be delivered to all subscribers promptly.

Although conservative to a degree, the Stewards have made a number of changes in the race book (published by Messrs. Noronha's). Some of these have come gradually but the whole now approximates somewhat to Shanghai's publication. I feel that the reforms will be welcomed by punters. I cannot say the same myself because the new style is not so amenable to treatment for newspaper work; but Pressmen were always a minority. I suggest, however, that the Jockey Club go the whole hog. At the very end of the book is a "list of ponies and stables." I see the ponies in alphabetical order, but not the other list according to ownership—a necessary factor especially to those who write and give tips.

Designations whether a pony has faced the starter before, is a griffin or a subscription griffin might also be helpful.

The time against the first race each day (12 noon) is set down in the index; but why not a fixed time for the fifth race as well—the first after the tiffin interval each day?

A very pleasing feature of the sport is the return to active ownership of "Mr. John Peel." The previous Jardine taipan, Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, was not keen on sport although Mrs. Bernard had a few ponies. Mr. B. D. F. Reith, however, is an enthusiast and all followers of the turf wish him good luck.

One thing noticeable is the fewer "big stables" among the Europeans. There used to be a fair number with formidable lists of entries; but these are now confined to Dynasty, Eve, Li Dunbar, Dyer and Reith, Hynes and Mackie—in no particular order.

The deficiency is made up by Chinese owners, most prominent of whom are Mr. Ho Kong-tong, O.B.E. and Mr. Chan Tin-sion, the latter with several associated interests.

The number of new Chinese owners is particularly encouraging. Macao is strongly represented and the various Jardine owners other than "John Peel" are still to the fore.

This year there are more lady owners than ever. Among the ladies are Mrs. Dyer, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Priestley, Mrs. K. E. Reith, Mrs. Hashim, Mrs. Dunbar (who won the Derby last year with Slitting Bull), Mrs. Charles, and Mrs. W. T. Southorn (who has registered her colours for the first time with the Jockey Club).

The first saddling bell each day is at 11.30 a.m. and the first race at 12 noon. The next three events follow at intervals of about half an hour each and then comes the tiffin interval, from about 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. Then there are seven more races.

To avoid a long wait after arrival, it will be advisable not to leave town between, say, 1.20 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. Go earlier by all means, or later.

Approximate times of the outstanding events are as follows:

Monday: Malden Stake 12.30 p.m., Valley Stake 11.30 p.m., Trial Plate 2.30 p.m., followed by the Governor's Cup.

Tuesday: The Derby 1.00 p.m., Wednesday: Ladies Purse 1.00 p.m., presentation of Governor's Cup and Ladies Purse 1.30 p.m.

Saturday: United Services Cup 4.30 p.m.

The following traffic regulations will be in force on all four days:

I.—All vehicles going to the races at Wong-nel-chong will proceed via Arsenal-street, new 75 feet Reclamation-road, Percival-street, Leighton Hill-road and round the Happy Valley via Wong-nel-chong road to the entrance gates.

BOXING

INTER-REGIMENTAL BOUTS CONTINUED

LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS

Vehicles will return to town via Morrison Gap-road and Queen's-road East. These arrangements will be in force between 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

II.—Passengers will alight from and board tram-cars at:—(1) the main public entrance gate and (2) the members' entrance gate only.

III.—Trucks and persons carrying large burdens will not be permitted west of Percival-street or east of Murray-road between the hours of 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

IV.—Pedestrians must walk on the footpaths, and not on roadway.

V.—Vehicles must proceed at a slow speed in the vicinity of the race course.

VI.—Vehicles will be parked in the vicinity of the race course as directed by the Police on duty.

VII.—Dogs are not allowed on or near the race course. Any dog found straying is liable to be destroyed (Ordinance 1 of 1846, section 16 sub-section 3).

Note.—There will be one way traffic only in Queen's-road East from the Monument to Arsenal-street from 11 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. The one way traffic will run from east to west.

Kenpdy-road will be open to west bound traffic only from 11 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. Vehicles proceeding up Stubbs-road proceed via Arsenal-street, Praya East, Wan-chai-road, Morrison Hill-road and Morrison Gap-road.

GOLF

CIVILIANS SERVICES AT FANLING

The following are the scores of a match played over the Old Course at Fanling between the Civilian and the United Services members of the Ladies Section:

Civilians	United Services	(8 & 6)	1
Mrs. Rowley.	(4 Mrs. Donald & 3)	1 Smith	0
Mrs. Gilmore	0 Mrs. Pilleau & 2)	3	1
Mrs. Robertson	0 Miss Wright (3 & 2)	1	1
Mrs. Whyte Smith	Lady Martin (8 & 7)	1 Miles	0
Mrs. Sommerfelt	Mrs. Illingworth (2 & 1)	0	1
Mrs. Piercy	(8 Mrs. Sanders & 7)	1	0
Mrs. Davison	(2 Mrs. Pearce & 1)	0	1
Mrs. Lissaman	0 Mrs. Lucas (up)	1	0
Mrs. Stewart	(8 Mrs. Garland & 6)	0	1
Mrs. Sherry	(9 Mrs. Beaman & 7)	1	0
Totals	7	4	4

STARTING TIMES AT FANLING

The Royal Hong Kong Golf Club notifies the following starting times for to-morrow:

9.28 a.m. N. L. Smith, F. A. Perry.

9.32 B. J. Lacon, E. Abraham.

9.36 C. W. Jeffries, A. D. Coppin.

9.40 A. G. Coppin, S. H. Dutton.

9.44 A. Webster, D. M. Goodall.

9.48 Lieut. Comdr. Brown, E. D. Matthews.

9.52 J. Coulthart, W. Fleming.

9.56 J. S. Dykes, A. R. Cox, E. P. Fletcher, W. A. Weight.

10.00 A. B. Stewart, I. H. Geare.

10.08 E. C. Frederick, F. Syme Thomson.

10.12 H. R. Sturt, G. E. Mitchell.

10.16 C. L. Sandes, T. G. Bennett.

10.20 C. E. Holmes, A. H. Ferguson.

10.24 F. A. Merry, G. E. Smith.

10.28 W. B. Cornaby, A. Pierce.

10.32 A. O. Brawn, N. K. Littlejohn.

10.36 D. H. Humphreys, G. W. Sewell.

10.40 D. J. Gilmore, T. S. Whyt Smith.

10.44 D. G. Bruce, J. Cameron.

10.48 T. L. Christie, H. Mills.

10.52 A. B. Purves, A. E. Lissaman.

10.56 E. D. Black, J. Ralkes.

11.00 R. K. Hepburn, J. K. Shaw.

11.04 W. Beveridge, F. H. Swayne.

11.08 N. H. Proctor, G. E. B. Tytler.

11.12 W. L. Dunbar, J. S. McLaren.

11.16 E. Newhouse, L. C. P. Rees.

11.20 G. B. S. Thomson, C. J. Waddell.

11.24 D. S. Edward, W. J. S. Key.

11.28 F. A. Redmond, E. des Voeux.

11.32 C. L. Cookes, P. S. Cassidy.

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SESSIONS END

SENTENCES PASSED IN THREE CASES

BOYLE GETS FIVE YEARS

Sentences were passed by His Honour the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Wood) yesterday in three cases, thus bringing the February Criminal Sessions to a close.

Private James Boyle of the 2nd Batt. King's Own Scottish Borderers, who pleaded guilty to wounding Sergeant Kerr of the same battalion, with intent to do grievous bodily harm, on H.M.'s ship "Somersetshire" on the night of Oct. 19-20, 1928, was sentenced to five years' hard labour.

His Lordship said:—

"You have pleaded guilty to the offence of wounding Sergeant Kerr with intent to do him grievous bodily harm. It is not necessary that I should explain to you the gravity of this offence. What you did was to attack a sleeping man with a knife and you inflicted such a wound on him that very nearly brought him to his death. It is enough for me to say this. That if the man had died and if you had stood here convicted on the capital charges I see no ground upon which any Court could have recommended you to mercy."

Robbers Sentenced

Chan Hon and Lau Cheung were each sentenced to seven years' hard labour for robbery and child stealing at a Shatin shed at midnight on Dec. 9. His Lordship said:—

"If by any information you give the other child is recovered, I shall be prepared to recommend to H.E. the Governor a remission of a portion of your sentence."

Chak Tam-ching, who was convicted for robbery in a Kowloon timber yard, was sentenced to three years' hard labour.

Lightweights

L/C Frost (Queen's Royal Regiment) beat Pte. Battle (Beds. and Herts.) on points.

Featherweights

Pte. Hume (K.O.S.B.) beat Pte. Loudon (Queen's Royal Regiment) on a knock-out in the first round.

Light Heavyweights

L/C Gordon (K.O.S.B.) beat Pte. Guest (Somerset Light Infantry) on a knock-out in the second round.

Pte. Wood (Beds. and Herts.) beat Col. Webb (Queen's Royal Regiment) on a knock-out in the last round.

Light Heavyweights

L/C Allen (Beds. and Herts.) beat Gunner Col. (R.A.) on points.

Cpl. Gaineys (Somerset Light Infantry) beat Piper Smith (K.O.S.B.) on points.

LAWN TENNIS

RESULTS IN THE H.K.C.C. TOURNAMENT

In the annual Hong Kong C.C. tennis championships, yesterday afternoon, T. Honda, the singles holder, made his debut in the Open Singles against E. D. Lawrence and had little difficulty in qualifying to meet Barrow in the second round.

M. W. Lo accounted for I. M. Razack, winning in straight sets. It took four sets to decide which of Wong Hing and Chan So would enter the next round, the latter qualifying after a hard fight in the third set.

The Rumjahn cousins had matters practically their own way in their game with Pay. Com. Payne and Pay. Lieut. Com. Herbert whom the holders beat in three sets, giving away six games.

Full Results

Open Singles.—T. Honda beat E. D. Lawrence 6-3, 3-0, 7-5; M. W. Lo beat I. M. A. Razack 6-3, 6-2, 6-2; Chan So beat Wong Hing 6-1, 1-6, 8-6.

Open Doubles.—S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn beat Pay. Com. A. H. Payne and Pay. Lieut. Com. Herbert 6-2, 6-1, 6-3.

Club Championship.—G. W. Sewell beat C. E. Holmes 6-1, 6-2.

Handicap Singles "A."—H. J. Armstrong (over 1/6) beat Rev. H. K. Koop (Scr.) 6-0, 6-0; W. L. Dunbar (Scr.) beat N. L. H. Railton (Scr.) 1-6, 6-4, 6-3.

BILLIARDS

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES.

Wins Concessions



Italy has offered His Holiness, Pope Pius XI, an extension of territory plus 11,000 acres of land, including the villa of Bambelle and Doria-Papaphil, together with indemnity of roughly \$52,631,600. The map shows the general outline of the present grounds and the adjoining territory to be added.

Salvation Army Wrangle



Catherine Booth and Commissioner Hubert Kitchen, in front, and Commissioner J. R. Laurle, in the rear, stepped as they left the meeting of Salvation Army leaders at Sudbury-on-Thames, during the sessions of the High Council, called to choose a successor to General Bramwell Booth.

Slain in Home



Dr. Ransom H. Sartwell (above), superintendent of the State Hospital for Mental Diseases at Howard, R.I., who was riddled by birdshot while seated in a reading chair in the library of his home. Later Frank E. Weeden (below), confessed to Cranston, R.I., officers that he fired the fatal shot.

New Agricultural Building



Secretary of Agriculture W. M. Jardine photographed as he handled the trowel in laying the cornerstone for the U.S. Government's new agricultural building, Washington. It is to be the largest of its kind in the world.

Garage Tragedy



Scotland Yard requests police of U.S. to help solve mystery of murder of Vivian Messier (above), whose bullet-riddled body was found in a Southampton garage. In his room were found notorious letters in a love code, said to have been written by a woman living in New York. Messier was 27 and the European representative of an American oil company.

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So declared Gilda Gray (above), movie and stage star, when she gave evidence during the trial of her divorce suit against G.I. Long, architect of the night clubs. The charges were unwarranted and extreme cruelty. She won her case.



Edna Fields, pretty New York model, as she appeared on the stand testifying in her \$100,000 batch of promises to agent Dr. M. Spencer Rhode, whom she accuses of breaking out of a marriage with her.



The tenement house at No. 105 East One Hundred and Twelfth-street, New York City, where six persons were burned to death in an early morning fire. Two were women and each clasped a charred infant in her arms. (Inset: Fireman George Graw, who rescued two babies at the imminent risk of his life.)

After Tests Were Suspended



Captain Sloan Danenhower, of Bridgeport, Conn., who, with Simon Lake, remodelled the ancient submarine "Defender" into an underwater rescue craft, photographed on the deck of the craft inspecting damage done to steel hawser after discovery of "plot" imperilling the lives of eight men comprising the crew. Further tests have been called off pending an official investigation.

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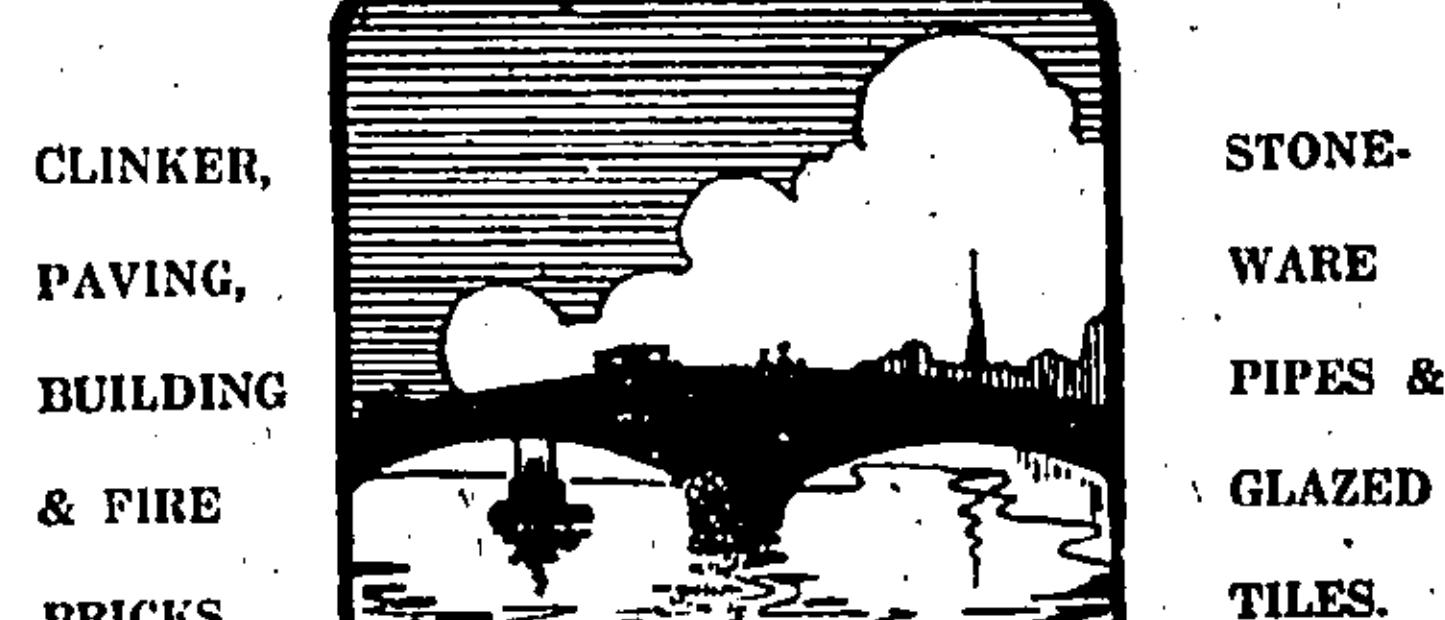
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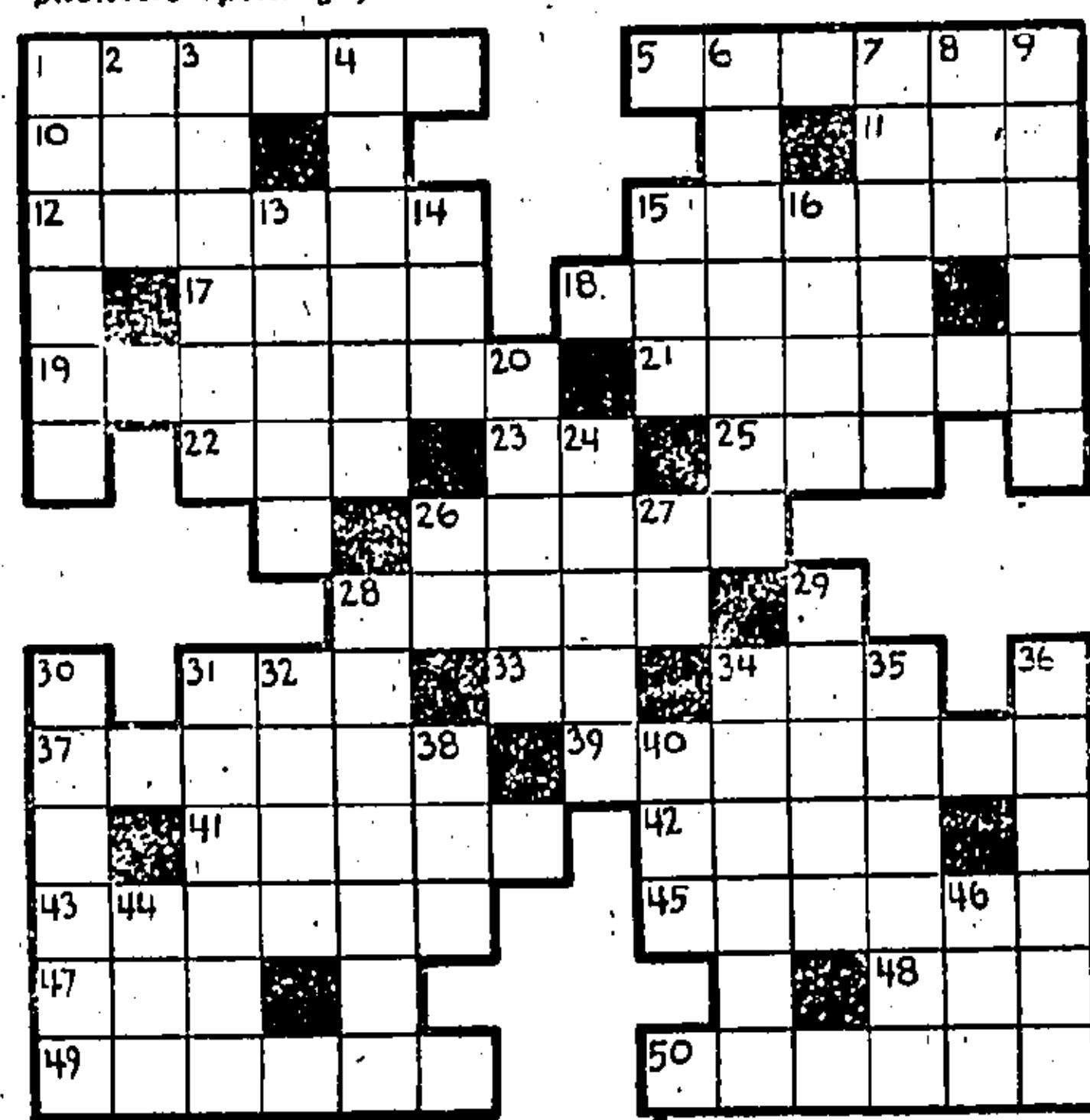
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL
1-To spatter a liquid about
5-Capital of China
10-A vegetable
11-A prefix—same as "pro"
12-A group of nine objects
15-A daughter of Herodias
17-In
18-Polson
19-Partaking to the Rhine, Germany
21-An inn
22-A spirituous liquor
23-Like
25-A Chinese plant
26-Like old woman
28-Official
31-Indorsments
34-A half eel

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

HONG KONG HOTEL VISITORS

February 22, 1929.
Messrs. D. G. Bruce, A. Bodard, Capt. C. G. Bateman.
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Mr. J. E. Joseph.
Mr. S. Lord, Miss H. Lillie.
Dr. P. Muller, Mr. S. W. Monrodoch.
Dr. Nolte.
Messrs. H. C. Pullen, C. D. Parker, H. C. Peters.
Mr. L. P. Quincey.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

SLANDERED	LOGOS
MOORE	BECOME
MOB	MORTAR
SAD	MODISTE
CRAYER	MOB
OGLED	MOP
WEST	SILLIES
CAROL	LEIST
STEW	BUNGLER
DIPL	ECHO
TRADES	ANY
SET	INFLATE
PARCELS	MER
DERIVE	ABUSES
DUNES	SORES
BESTREWD	

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Messrs. R. F. Whitham, R. W. Wyke, T. Welloch, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Waung.

VISCOUNT GREY
EUROPEAN DIPLOMACY
TRACED

[Twenty-Five Years": Viscount Grey of Fallodon (Hodder and Stoughton, The People's Library, 7/6).]

This is, in a sense, the *apologia pro vita sua* of one who was both a great statesman, and a great and generous man. Apart from that it is a book of the highest intrinsic interest and importance; for the years during which the author held office are among the most critical in the history of the world. "Twenty-Five Years" does not pretend to be an exhaustive discussion of the causes and effects of the War; it was written for the "new generation which is dispassionately and increasingly anxious for the truth."

In the first two volumes Viscount Grey has traced almost from day to



day the actual course of European diplomacy and the changes in international sentiment and motives that led to the horror of the years 1914 to 1918. The working of British foreign policy is carefully shown, and praised rather for its "negative good qualities" of which the most essential is that it is based on an instinct for peace and stability, and does not depend on the ceaseless supervision of one great man.

State of Ill-Will

In 1893 when Grey first went to the Foreign Office, he found "a dangerous state of ill-will" between nations. France was ready to go to war over small incidents like that at Bangkok. Russia and Germany were eager to acquire territory in the Far East. In general the British position was one of discomfort. We relied on German support in Egypt, but "were never sure when the price would be exacted"; at any moment we were liable to quarrel with France or Russia, and Berlin welcomed such differences. Salisbury's Government went still further in complaisance with Germany, and our relations with France and Russia grew gradually more strained, with the former over the Fashoda affair, and with the latter over the taking of Port Arthur and the Afghan frontier question.

An alliance with Germany was proposed in 1899, but the idea was not taken up at Berlin. By 1900 the German policy of a huge fleet was very clear, and Britain took two definite steps: the Anglo-Japanese Alliance, and in 1904 the Agreement with France, towards whom Balfour's government determined to adopt a policy of understanding and good-will. This grew into the Entente, in spite of German attempts to break it by fostering a spirit of distrust in France, especially when in crises like the Algeciras Conference or the Agadir Incident Britain could not pledge to France more than diplomatic support. Germany was continuing to increase her armaments at a terrific rate, in spite of the assurance of Metternich to the world that her intentions were pacific, "precautions, not preparations"; but Viscount Grey says, great armaments must lead to war and "the growth of them and the sense of fear and insecurity so caused made 1914 inevitable."

"Place in the Sun"

Through the immediately preceding years he shows the ceaseless efforts of Germany to stir up anti-British suspicion, in Paris and St. Petersburg, and to secure that "place in the sun" she so desired. German influence became paramount in Turkey and the Near East, when the British sacrificed their material interests in vain protests against the Turkish treatment of Macedonia and Armenia, which Germany tolerated, because "German policy ruled out all moral purposes except national interest." When in 1908 Austria annexed Bosnia and Herzegovina, thus arbitrarily altering a European treaty without the consent of the other signatories, Germany openly deprecated this, yet really supported her, as she was to do again in 1914, but this time war was averted. Russia preferred

arrest of compilation of armaments, but the German peril seemed actually less imminent than it had seemed in 1905 or 1911. There was no further attempt to break the Entente, and we had met Germany over the Bagdad Railway and the Portuguese colonies, and generally relations seemed improved. Conversations had already taken place between French and British military experts and now were held between Russian and British naval authorities so that collaboration might be assured with our allies in case of sudden need, but it was insisted that these in no way pledged any of the countries concerned to go to war on behalf of another. Grey hoped that if any further difficulties arose in the Balkans they might be settled again by conference.

The Sarajevo murders took place in June, followed by the Austrian ultimatum, and the submissive reply of Serbia. Grey was convinced that war must be prevented, but the German Ambassador was not in the full confidence of the military party which was in control at Berlin, and diplomacy became increasingly difficult. In July Grey proposed a conference, but Germany vetoed it, apparently without consulting Austria, on the grounds that it would give France and Russia more time to prepare. Nothing short of a complete diplomatic triumph would be accepted. Blow after blow shattered the last frail hopes of peace.

Germany bid for British neutrality by saying that she would make no territorial acquisitions at the expense of France—but would make no undertaking about French colonies! It depended on the actions of France what operations Germany might be forced to enter on in Belgium, but after the war Belgium's neutrality would be respected unless she had sided against Germany. On July 31 Britain sent a request to France and Germany

Youngest Editor



Miss Delight Evans, the pretty girl of Fort Wayne, Indiana, who has become America's youngest editor of a nationally known magazine, Miss Evans, a child prodigy, who began writing when fifteen years old, has just been made editor of the *Screaming Magazine*. Although in her early twenties, Miss Evans' writings has attracted nation-wide attention.

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many that each would respect Belgian neutrality as long as no other power violated it. France gave an assurance; Germany evaded the question. Russia mobilised, a necessary precaution, since for her mobilisation was a matter of weeks, for Germany one of hours.

War Precipitated

Germany sent an ultimatum, and

precipitated war, and then told

Austria that as an ally she could not

stay out. France could no longer

remain neutral, and as the main

German army advanced on her, the

Cabinet was faced with the violation

of Belgium, who on August 1st

announced her intention of de-

fending her right. In his great

speech of August 3, (here printed

as an Appendix) which still has

power to move as it moved a nation

that evening, Grey showed that we

could no longer hold back, if we

did not stand by Belgium and

France against this aggression we

should be "isolated, discredited,

hated." And so came Armageddon.

Allies' Relations

The third volume deals with

diplomacy during the first two years

of the war, and gives a masterly

analysis of the relations between

the Allies themselves, and of the

difficulty of securing solidarity in

the council chamber and in the field,

of the intricate web of politics in

connection with the neutral States,

especially with America, for as

the author points out, the cardinal

error would have been a breach

with her. Of that error German

diplomacy was guilty. A series of

letters between Grey and Roosevelt

forms a very interesting and

pleasant interlude.

In the concluding chapters (Grey resigned in December, 1918, so his record ends on that date) the writer discusses some of the more important issues and topics connected with his life and work. There are vivid and generous studies of his colleagues, Kitchener, Haldane, Asquith, and Lloyd George; an account of the working of the Foreign Office; and finally a thoughtful and illuminating consideration of the attitude of British foreign policy during Grey's years of office, and of the "old" diplomacy which so freely as being responsible for the war.

No one who has read this book and understood the appalling difficulties faced by the British Foreign Office during the period will join uncritically in that outcry. As the writer constantly insists, British diplomacy was straightforward, and always directed to securing peace. This openness was one of its chief disadvantages, because of the incredulity of Berlin and other nations. "No one seemed able to believe the truth," he caustically remarks, "it was too simple." The conclusion of it all is that what Europe needs, is not a "new" diplomacy, but a "new spirit and purpose"; and above all the conviction that war must be ruled out as a means of settlement that entails ruin.

Greatness of Spirit

Every statement is fully documented by extracts from actual telegrams, and dispatches. No pains have been spared in the necessary research. Facts are marshalled clearly and succinctly. There is no verbosity, no excusing, no appeal for popular sympathy, and, above all, no rhetoric in this book. There is nothing mean or malicious in its tone, even in the passages which pass adverse criticism on Government or on individuals. But there is visible a greatness of spirit and a faith to morality and ideals of honour and responsibility, not found often since the days of Burke. How proudly our national honour was upheld we and the world know. It might have been otherwise had not men like this been at the head of affairs.

Viscount Grey has given most of his life to the service of his country, and in this book is the justification of that life for all to read. His own estimate of his friend, the American, Walter Hines Page, of whom he writes here that he had "the highest type of patriotism which is not only love of one's country, but belief in it," is perhaps, the truest criticism of the writer of this book.

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